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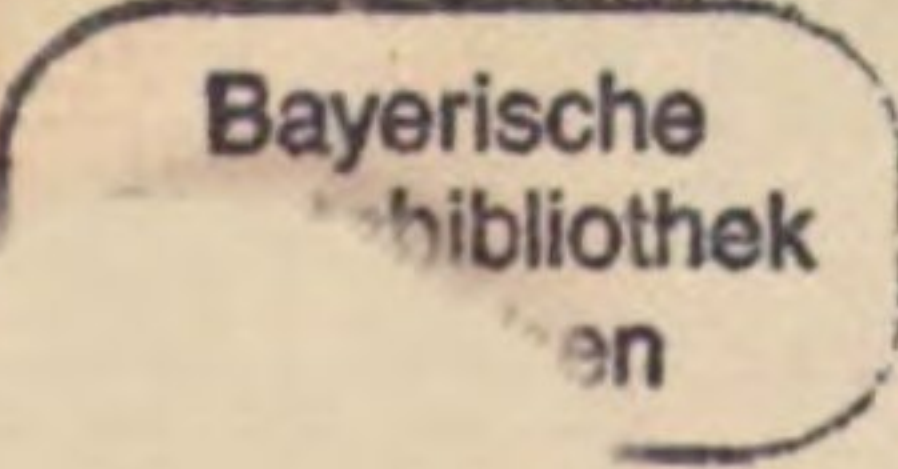
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THE SELECT COMMITTEE, appointed to inquire into the existence of any corrupt Practices, in regard to the Appointment and Nomination of Writers or Cadets in the Service of The *East India* Company; or any Agreement, Negotiation, or Bargain, direct or indirect, for the Sale thereof; And to Report the same, as it shall appear to them, to The House, together with their Observations thereupon; And who were empowered to Report the Minutes of Evidence taken before them; and their Proceedings, from time to time, to The House

BEGAN their investigation by examining into a Case brought before them by **GEORGE WOODFORD THELLUSSON**, esquire, a Member of this House, in which his patronage and confidence appear to have been grossly abused.

The whole Evidence being given at length in the Appendix, Your Committee content themselves with inserting in this place, a short abstract only of this, and every other transaction; giving the names of the persons appointed, of those by whom they were recommended, and by whom their nominations were signed, together with the names of the intermediate agents in any of the negotiations where money was paid or received.

Those appointments which have been completed in consequence of any such bargains, and upon which satisfactory evidence has been produced, will be placed first; a second class will be found of nominations which appear to have taken effect, but with regard to which, from the death of some of the parties, or from deficiency of proof in other particulars, Your Committee are unable to ascertain the names of the persons who were sent out to India. It is a satisfaction to Your Committee, throughout the whole evidence, to remark nothing which traces any one of these corrupt or improper bargains to any Director, or induces a reasonable suspicion that it was done with the privity or connivance of any Member of that Court. Several negotiations which never took effect, will be found alluded to, or detailed in parts of the evidence; which it was thought proper not to reject under the comprehensive directions "that your Committee should inquire into any Agreement, Negotiation, or Bargain, direct or indirect, for the sale of such nomination;" and when such information was received, they deemed it inexpedient to withhold it from This House, though they are fully aware that their desire of opening every channel of inquiry has led to an extent of examination, and to a mass of evidence, from which much might be retrenched without detriment, if it had been easy to establish a satisfactory principle of omission, or abridgment, which might have left nothing wholly irrelevant or trifling, while it comprehended whatever might be interesting either to This House, or to the *East India* Company.

W R I T E R S.

Mr. Edward James Smith was nominated a Writer to Bengal in the season 1806-7, by Mr. G. W. Thellussan; the appointment was given to his first cousin, Mr. Emperor J. A. Woodford, who sold the appointment for

£. 3,500. through the agency of Mr. Tahourdin, Solicitor, who received £. 100. out of that sum.

The other persons concerned in this negotiation were Mr. Wimbourn and Mr. Laing.

Mr. Fry Magniac was nominated Writer to Bengal in the year 1807-8, by Mr. G. W. Thelluffon; this appointment was also given to the same Mr. Woodford, and sold through the agency of Mr. Tahourdin.

Mr. Beale was the purchaser, and the sum paid by him was 3,500 guineas, of which Mr. Woodford received £. 3,000, Mr. Tahourdin £. 150.; the remainder was divided between Mr. Donovan and Mr. Garrat.

Mr. Henry Gardiner was nominated a Writer to Madras by Mr. J. W. Thelluffon, in the season 1807-8.

This appointment was likewise given to Mr. Woodford, and £. 3,000. was received for it from Mrs. Gardiner by Mr. Tahourdin for his own use, but upon an undertaking that he is to procure the next presentation of a living of the value of £. 300. per annum for a friend of Mr. Woodford's. Mr. Boase, a partner in the house of Messrs. Ransom and Co. was privy to the bargain between Mr. Tahourdin and Mrs. Gardiner. Mr. Greenflade received an appointment for Ceylon in the way of exchange for this writer-ship, which is the occasion of his name appearing in the transaction.

C A D E T S.

Mr. Henry Stoughton was appointed a Cadet to Madras, January 1808, by George Abercrombie Robinson, esq. by the recommendation of Mr. Morland, who gave the appointment to Mr. Jones for a relation of his.

Mr. Jones, through the agency of John Annesley Shee, sold it to Mr. Stoughton, father to the person appointed, from whom Shee received 500 guineas: he paid £. 180. to Mr. Jones, and received of him an undertaking to pay £. 320. upon his procuring for Mr. Jones a Woolwich Cadetship.

This appointment has been vacated by the Court of Directors, in consequence of their having discovered the means through which it was obtained.

Mr. Thomas Kelly was appointed a Cadet to Bombay in April 1808, by Sir Theophilus Metcalfe, Bart. at the recommendation of Mrs. Scott. It was afterwards exchanged with Mr. Cotton at his request for a Madras Cadetship.

William Scott, tailor, the husband of Mrs. Scott, sold this appointment to Mr. Kelly, through the agency of David Brown, who received for it £. 150.: Brown was paid £. 30. or £. 40. and a Mr. Southcomb, who introduced some of the parties to each other, received 10 guineas.

Mr. George Barker was appointed Cadet for the Bengal Infantry in December 1808, by Robert Thornton, esq. at the recommendation of Mr. Mee.

Mr. Mee sold this appointment for 200 guineas, through the agency of John Annesley Shee, who received £. 60.

Mr. George Teulon was appointed to an Infantry Cadetship to Bengal in 1808, by Edward Parry esq. in exchange for a Madras appointment given to Captain Sealy by Jacob Bosanquet, esq.

Captain Matthew sold this appointment for £. 120. to Captain Holmes for a friend of his; Annesley M'Kercher Shee was employed as agent for Captain Matthew, who paid him £. 30. and Captain Holmes paid him £. 10.

Mr. John Samuel Williams was appointed to a Bengal Cadetship by Mr. Cotton in 1808, in exchange for a Madras Cadetship of Mr. Manship's.

This appointment was procured by Mr. Abercrombie, who was assisted with

with the loan of a sum of money by Captain Williams, the Cadet's father. Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison and Annesley M'Kercher Shee were the agents employed.

Mr. Benjamin Pratt was appointed a Cadet to Madras 7th February 1806, by Sweney Toone, esq. at the recommendation of Capt. Kennard Smith, who exchanged it with R. C. Plowden, esq. for a nomination of the next season. Mr. B. Pratt was recommended to Mr. Plowden by Sir Nicholas Nugent.

This appointment was purchased by Mr. Henry Foster, through Sir Nicholas Nugent, for the sum of £.150. A. M'K. Shee acted as agent for Mr. Foster, and received £.30. or £.40. The original appointment was to Bengal, and it was exchanged for Madras.

Mr. John Power was appointed a Cadet to Madras in 1804 or 1805 by Lord Viscount Castlereagh, at the recommendation of Lord Longueville, through the Earl of Westmorland.

Mr. Power paid £.200. for this appointment to Matthew Spillman Salt. A. M'K. Shee was the agent for both parties, and received £.50. from Mr. Power.

Mr. Brathwaite Christie was appointed a Cadet to Madras 15th July 1807, by James Reid, esquire, at the recommendation of H R H the D. of Clarence.

Mr. Page, navy agent in Great Russell-street, paid the sum of £.200. for this appointment to A. M'K. Shee, who paid £.150. to the Rev. Mr. Lloyd, chaplain to H R H the D. of Clarence, for procuring the same.

Mr. Thomas Maw was appointed a Cadet to Bengal in July 1807, by Robert Thornton, esquire, at the recommendation of the Reverend Nicholas Corfellis for Miss Elizabeth Spinluff.

Miss Spinluff sold this appointment to Mr. Hewitt, a relation of Mr. Maw, through the agency of Mrs. Morrison and A. M'K. Shee, and received £.70. for it. Mrs. Morrison thinks the sum paid was £.150. or £.180. A. M'K. Shee received £.30.

Mr. Arthur Denny was appointed a Cadet to Madras on the 18th February 1806, by George Woodford Thelluffon, esq. at the recommendation of the Countess Dowager of Westmorland and Mr. George.

This appointment was sold by Mr. George. Mr. Anthony Stoughton, uncle of the person appointed, paid to John Annesley Shee, whom he employed to procure it, the sum of 250 guineas. David Brown was agent for Mr. George.

Mr. Henry Keating was appointed a Cadet to Madras on the 5th of June 1805, by John Manship, esquire, at the recommendation of George Woodford Thelluffon, esquire, in return for a Bombay nomination of the season of 1804 given to Mr. Manship.

The uncle of Mr. Henry Keating purchased this appointment of Mr. John Henderson, ship-broker, for £.250. or guineas. John Annesley Shee received of Mr. Henderson about £.45. for his agency.

Mr. George Boys was appointed a Cadet to Madras on the 26th March 1806 (of the season 1805) by Charles Mills, esquire, at the recommendation of Mr. (now Sir William) Frazer.

This appointment was given by Sir William Frazer to Mr. Thomas Cufac, who sold it to Messrs. Barber & Sons, Cowpers-court Cornhill, and received of them the sum of £.150. They were employed as agents for Mr. Boys's father, who paid for it the sum of 300 guineas. £.100.

was divided between Mr. Barber and Mr. John Henderson. J. A. Shee was agent for Mr. Cufac.

Mr. William Collett was appointed a Cadet for the Bombay Infantry by the India Board, on the 3d of July 1805.

This appointment was in the nomination of Lord Castlereagh, who, at the recommendation of the Right honourable John Sullivan, gave it to Richard Cadman Etches, for a relation of his, on account of services performed by Mr. Etches for the Government. Mr. Etches sold it to Mr. Chaplin, an attorney, for the sum of £.250. J. A. Shee was agent for Mr. Pasmore, an attorney, who received the money for Mr. Etches.

Mr. John Manson was appointed Cadet for Bengal the 26th February 1808, by the India Board, at the recommendation of Edward Cooke, esq.

Mr. Cadman Etches procured this appointment through Mr. Cooke, for a relation of his, on account of services performed by Mr. Etches for the Government. Thomas Watson was employed as agent to sell the same, as mentioned in the next appointment.

Mr. Robert Manson was appointed Cadet for Bengal, February 1808, by G. W. Thelluffon, esq. at the recommendation of Mr. Herbert.

Thomas Watson sold this appointment, and received the sum of 500 guineas of Messrs. Anderson, of Philpot-lane, for this and Mr. John Manson's appointment, who purchased the two for a friend of theirs for his two nephews. A. M^cK. Shee received £.35. of Watson; and Lady Leigh received from Watson about £.200. for the latter appointment.

Mr. Thomas Casey was appointed a Cadet by William Devaynes, esq. on the 9th July 1806, at the recommendation of Mr. Herbert, now abroad as Purser of the Euphrates extra ship.

Mr. Herbert sold this appointment to Messrs. Hendry Houghton & Co. of King's Arms Yard, correspondents of Mr. Casey's relations, who lived in Ireland, for the sum of 250 guineas; Mr. John Henderson was agent for Mr. Herbert, and received 50 guineas.

Mr. Thomas Locke was appointed a Cadet for Madras on the 3d February 1807, by John Bebb, esq. at the recommendation of James Pattison, esq. in exchange for one of Mr. Pattison's Bombay nominations.

This appointment was purchased by the Rev. Dr. Locke of Farnham, for his nephew, of Thomas Watson, who sold it for Lady Lumm, and paid her £.200.

Mr. Samuel Lewis was appointed a Cadet in 1800, by Sweney Toone, esq. at the recommendation of Mr. Evans.

This appointment was passed from Mr. Evans to Mr. Sanderson: Annesley M^cKercher Shee seems to have procured it of Mr. Wright, and received 300 guineas from the Cadet's father. Mr. Samuel Lewis being a Mulatto, and thereby disqualified, procured a young man of the name of Phillips to personate himself, and pass the previous examinations, for which he paid him 20 guineas.

A Cadetship for Madras appears to have been purchased for a person of the name of Brown*, in 1804 or 1805, which was sold by Mr. Herbert for 250 guineas; but your Committee could receive no satisfactory information by whom the party was nominated, nor his Christian name. Henderson and Shee were employed as agents, and received part of the above sum.

A Cadetship in the nomination of J. Manship, esquire, given by him to Mrs. Welch, appears to have been sold; but the parties to that transaction, who have been examined, state, that they are unable to recollect the name of

of the person appointed. The name of Mrs. Welch does not appear as recommending to any of Mr. Manship's Cadetships in 1805 or 6.

Another, in the nomination of Sir Lionel Darell, appears to have been given to and sold by the Rev. Thomas Lloyd; but Mr. Lloyd's name does not appear as recommending any of the Cadets nominated by Sir Lionel Darell in 1801 and the following year.

It appears in evidence, that some other nominations of this description have been purchased: but your Committee have not been able to discover and bring before them some of the persons who appear to have been parties to these transactions; particularly Sir Nicholas Nugent, Mr. William Lewen Tugwell Robins, Mr. Joseph Home, Captain Matthew and Captain Holmes.

A further examination into some other bargains, is precluded by the death of Lady Lumm, Lady Leigh, and Captain Sealy.

THE attention both of the Legislature and of the East India Company has been attracted at various periods to Abuses, which were supposed to exist in the disposal of their Patronage; in consequence of which, at the time when their charter was renewed, an oath was framed, to be taken by each Director within ten days after his election, containing, among other engagements, the following: "I do swear, That I will not directly nor indirectly accept or take any perquisite, emolument, fee, present or reward, upon any account whatsoever, or any promise or engagement for any perquisite, emolument, fee, present or reward whatsoever, for or in respect of the appointment or nomination of any person or persons to any place or office in the gift or appointment of the said Company, or of me as a Director thereof, or for or on account of stationing or appointing the voyage or voyages of any ship or ships in the said Company's employ, or for or on account of or any ways relating to any other business or affairs of the said Company." 33 Geo. III. c. 52. s. 160.

In the By-Laws of the East India Company, c. 6. sect. 5. a penalty is imposed upon every Director taking any reward on account of any appointment, in double the amount of such reward, $\frac{2}{3}$ of which to the Company and $\frac{1}{3}$ to the Informer; and such Director is rendered *ipso facto* incapable of holding any place whatever under the Company.

The form of Declaration on every Writer's petition is, "I recommend this Petition, and do most solemnly declare that I have given this nomination to _____ and that I neither have received myself, nor am to receive, nor has any other person to the best of my knowledge or belief received, nor is to receive, any pecuniary consideration, nor any thing convertible in any mode into a pecuniary benefit on this account."

The form of Certificate required to be signed by the nearest of kin to each Cadet, contains the following declaration:

"I do further declare, that I received the said appointment for my son _____ gratuitously, and that no money or other valuable consideration has been or is to be paid, either directly or indirectly, for the same; and that I will not pay or cause to be paid, either by myself, by my son, or by the hands of any other person, any pecuniary or valuable consideration whatsoever, to any person or persons who have interested themselves in procuring the said nomination for my son from the Director above-mentioned."

The printed preparatory Instructions, which are circulated by the East India Company for the use of those who may be nominated Cadets, begin with the following Resolution: "That any person who shall in future be nominated to a situation, either civil or military, in the service of this Company, and who shall have obtained such nomination either directly

directly or indirectly by purchase, or agreement to purchase through the medium of an agent or other person, shall be rejected; and the person so nominated shall be rendered incapable of holding any situation whatsoever in the Company's service: and in the event of any person having obtained an appointment in the manner before stated, and proceeded to India previous to its being discovered, such person shall be dismissed the Company's service and ordered back to England, and shall also be rendered incapable of holding any situation whatsoever in the Company's service."

It is to be observed, that abuses in the disposal of Cadetships are better guarded against than in that of Writerships, since the present form of Certificate has been applied to them; for in the Writerships the Director himself only declares, that to the best of his knowledge or belief no pecuniary consideration has been or is to be received; but with regard to every Cadet, the parent or next of kin makes a similar declaration for himself. The cases which are exhibited in this Report demonstrate that such declarations are not of sufficient force to prevent a very extensive traffic in those nominations, which are apparently the best secured by a positive denial of all undue practices.

An inquiry was set on foot by the Court of Directors in 1798 upon the allegation and suspicion of abuses in the nominations of Writers; the origin, progress and failure of which it may be proper to give in some detail.

25 April 1798—A Committee of the Directors was appointed to investigate into the truth of the alleged practice of the sale of Patronage, and to consider of such means as may appear likely to prevent the same in future, if such practices have occurred.

9 July—Each Director's nomination of Writers was laid before the Committee, who resolved that each Member of the Committee should state in writing the names of the parties to whom he has given the nomination, together with the reasons which induced him to give the same; and that the several parties who have received such nominations for their sons, &c. be required to produce satisfactory information to the Committee upon oath, or in such manner as the Committee shall deem most expedient, that neither they nor any person on their account, or with their privity or knowledge, have given or promised to give any consideration on account of such nomination, either to the Directors from whom they obtained the same, or to any person on his behalf: and it was agreed to recommend to the Court to direct each individual Member of the Court to do the same.

1st August 1798—The Court approved this Report; and (15th August) each Director in office, as well as those out of by rotation (except Mr. Devaynes) gave explanations in writing.

28th February 1799—It was resolved, That every appointment made in consequence of corrupt practices be null and void, unless the parties to whom the appointment is given shall, upon examination before the Committee, make a fair and candid disclosure of all the circumstances attending the same. It was likewise resolved, that each Director should in future, on the Petition of the Writer whom he nominates, "declare upon his honour to whom he has given the appointment, and that he neither has received himself, nor is he to receive, nor has any other person to the best of his knowledge or belief received, nor is to receive, any pecuniary consideration, nor any thing convertible in any mode into a pecuniary benefit on this account."

The Direction being changed in April, on the 14th of August 1799, a new Committee to investigate the truth of the sale of Patronage, &c. was appointed.

17 January 1800—The draft of a Letter proposed to be addressed to the parents,

parents, &c. of persons appointed Writers since 1793, requesting them to declare whether the appointments were given without any pecuniary or other consideration, was considered by the Committee; when a discussion arose, whether it should be on oath; when it was adjourned till the 21st of January: and it being then suggested whether it would be proper for the Committee to proceed in their inquiry, it was decided in the affirmative.

The Committee then proceeded to consider the drafts of the letter to the parents, &c. a draft of a Report to the Court stating their reasons for recommending this mode of investigation, as also the form of a declaration for the persons who have received such appointments. The consideration was adjourned to the 24th of January; when a discussion ensuing thereon, and on the necessity and expediency of the mode of public investigation therein proposed; It was agreed to postpone the said Report, and to proceed to act agreeably to the authority and instructions already received from the Court. The Committee resolved, that in their opinion the parties to whom each Director had given nominations, should be called upon to state on what grounds they have received the same, in every case that the Committee may deem it expedient so to do.

The Committee then examined *viva voce* its different Members, as a preliminary to the proposed measure; each Member declared upon his honour that what he had stated in regard to his appointments was strictly true, and expressed his readiness to confirm the same by his oath.

28th January 1800—The Committee met to consider a draft of a Report to the Court, communicating their proceedings, and proposing further measures for the Court's adoption, as also a draft of a Letter referred to in the said Report.

31st January—The Report of this day's date, with the letters to the parents, &c. and the declaration to be made by them, was approved.

5th February—The Court, after considerable discussion of the above, confirm the same; but resolve that the consideration of what is further to be done on the said Report be adjourned to the 11th of February; when it is resolved, that the Committee of Patronage be instructed to proceed in the examination of the other Members of the Court, as they did with themselves. It was then moved, that the declaration proposed in the Report be upon oath: on this, the motion of adjournment was carried.

25th February—A Report signed by 15 Directors, approves the declaration, and recommends that the several persons to whom the same is sent be requested to confirm such declaration upon oath.

Another Report on the same day, signed by 12 Directors, recommends that no further proceedings be had in this business till the 1st of May. Both the above Reports are approved by the Court.

26th February 1800—The Right honourable Henry Dundas addressed the Court, acknowledging the receipt of their minute; and stating, that he feels it a duty that he owes both to himself and the Court, to omit no means in his power for ascertaining whether any person whom he has obliged through the favour of the Court, has presumed to abuse his kindness in so sordid and unwarrantable a manner.

Sir Francis Baring dissents from the Resolutions to call for the declaration on oath.

The Committee of Patronage ceasing with the Direction in April, on 18th June 1800, the Court took into consideration the propriety of re-appointing the said Committee.

It being moved, "That a Committee of Patronage be re-appointed;" an amendment was moved, to leave out all the words after the word "that," and to insert in their room the following, "it does not appear to this Court, that any circumstance has been stated to the Court, by which the Committee lately appointed for an inquiry into the disposal of Patronage, that

that can induce or would justify the Court in adopting the illegal and novel administration of extra-judicial oaths to a variety of persons, not directly connected with the East India Company or the management of its affairs, and which, though it would tend to throw a suspicion upon the Court at large, which no circumstances that have hitherto come to the knowledge of the Court can induce them to suppose the Members thereof merit, would not, they conceive, be an effectual mode of bringing to light any such practices, even if such in any partial instance should have existed."

On the question for the Amendment being put, the votes for, and against, were equal; when the lot decided for the Amendment.

25th June—The Chairman, Deputy Chairman and eight other Directors dissent from the Resolution not to re-appoint the Committee of Patronage.

24th September—A motion was made in the Court of Proprietors, that the above Proceedings be read; they were read accordingly, and notice given by the mover, of his intention of bringing the subject forward at a future Court.

20th January 1801—It was moved, "That it is the opinion of this Court, that the Inquiry into the alleged abuse of Patronage, ought to be continued."

It was moved to amend the said motion, by adding thereto the following words, "to investigate any charge that may be made of corrupt practices against any one or more of the Court of Directors."

The above Amendment passed in the Negative;

When a ballot was demanded on the original question; it was, 3d February 1801, lost by a majority of 139; 411 voting for the question, against it 550.

The following opinion of Counsel was given to the Court of Directors, previous to the ballot being taken; viz.

"Case for the East India Company:

"Whether the Court of Directors, or any Committee of the said Court, whether considered as a Committee of that Court or as a Committee of Proprietors, be legally authorized to call for the examination of such persons upon oath, as recommended by the Court of Directors in their Resolution of the 25th February 1800; or whether in their opinion any Magistrate would be justified in administering the oath so recommended; and generally to advise concerning the legality and effect of such proceedings."—

"We are of opinion, that neither the Court of Directors, nor any Committee of the said Court, or Committee of Proprietors, have any legal authority to require or receive examinations of persons upon oath, as recommended by the Resolution of the Court of Directors of the 25th February 1800; and that no Magistrate will be justified in administering such oaths.

"We therefore think the proposed proceedings would be contrary to Law."

(Signed)

J. MITFORD.

W. GRANT.

J. MANSFIELD.

T. ERSKINE.

GEO. ROUS."

IF This House should in its wisdom adopt any legislative measures for the purpose of preventing all traffic in the disposal of Offices under Government, it will, in the opinion of your Committee, be proper to extend the same protection to Patronage held under the East India Company; but they see no reason to recommend any special or separate provisions as applicable to their case, judging that the East India Company has within its own power the

the most effectual means for accomplishing that end.—It can never be advisable, without absolute necessity, to add new offences to the long catalogue already enumerated in the penal statutes; nor is it wise to diminish the sanctity of oaths by resorting to them upon all occasions. Where solemn declarations have been habitually disregarded, little reliance can be placed upon the sanction of any other species of asseveration. Instances occur but too frequently, where an oath comes to be considered merely as part of the official form by which an appointment is conferred; and the human mind, fertile in self-deception, accommodates itself with wonderful facility to overcoming all scruples, or applies a perverse ingenuity to evading all restrictions which stand in the way of present interest. Little fear of detection is entertained, where transactions are in their nature private and confidential; and the appellation of honour, most improperly applied to negotiations of this clandestine kind, attaches, by a singular perverseness, a stronger degree of obligation to the performance of such engagements, upon the very ground that they are illegal.

With a view to prevent all dealings in Patronage, the obvious and natural mode will be to take away all inducement to traffic in it; and this can only be attained by making the hazard of such speculations greater than the temptation.

The regulations of the Company are founded upon this true and efficacious principle. But examples have hitherto been wanting to demonstrate the determination of the Court of Directors to enforce their orders; no instance of purchasing or procuring by undue means an appointment in the civil or military service of the East India Company, after such appointment had actually taken place, and since the Court's Resolution of 28th February 1799, having been so far established, as to enable the Court to dismiss the party appointed.

The immediate consequence of the information contained in this Report, must be, that a certain number of persons in the service of the Company will be instantly deprived of their employments, recalled from India, and declared incapable of again receiving any appointment under the Company. The money improperly given for procuring these situations, will be absolutely lost, without any possibility of recovery; and those who have either imprudently or corruptly been concerned in obtaining what they conceived to be benefits for their relatives or friends, will find that they have done the greatest injury to those whom they desired to serve, by inducing them to dedicate some of the best years of their lives to an employment, which the original defect, and corrupt practices through which it was obtained, must disqualify them from prosecuting.

Hard as some of these cases must be, and innocent and ignorant as many of the young men nominated under these circumstances probably are, of the undue means by which their Appointments were acquired, your Committee are of opinion, that nothing but a strict adherence to the rule laid down by the Court of Directors, can put a stop to the continuance of these abuses, and prevent the chance of their recurring.

In the year 1779, when, in the course of the investigation already mentioned, indemnity was offered to all those who would make a fair and candid disclosure of all the circumstances through which their situations had been procured, though information was gained with regard to facts, no example could be made, in consequence of such disclosure, of those who were found offending; and it may be doubted whether such practices have been less prevalent since that inquiry, than before. The deficiency of their power to compel persons to answer, precluded the Court of Directors from discovering, if they punished, or from punishing if they discovered, the traffic which was the subject of complaint.

The oath taken by the Directors seems as effectual as any thing which

can be devised for the purpose of guarding against corruption, so far as the Directors themselves are immediately concerned; and your Committee have already remarked, that no one case of corruption or abuse, which has been before them, affects any Member of that Court. It is, in the passing through several hands, which happens frequently with regard to the more numerous and less valuable Appointments of Cadets, that opportunities for this sort of negotiation are presented, which, without a greater degree of vigilance and strictness on the part of each Director, at the time of making such nomination, it will be impracticable to prevent in future.

Your Committee may perhaps be exceeding the limits of their province, in the further considerations to which this subject leads; but as they decline recommending any special legislative enactment, their view of the proper remedy for these abuses may be incomplete, unless they proceed to suggest some other observations.

The unpleasant duty of increased vigilance is not likely to be performed without some incitement of benefit or disadvantage, attendant upon the exercise, or neglect of it; and it is equally conformable to experience to presume, that Patronage will continue to be abused, so long as no inconvenience is felt by the person primarily giving, or by the person ultimately receiving it.

Where strict examination is a duty, any species of negligence cannot be wholly blameless; and it appears not unreasonable to curtail in some degree, the Patronage of those, who have either not been sufficiently watchful in the disposal of it, or whose diligence has been unsuccessful in preventing the abuses which are complained of. As an additional check against those who are inclined to purchase such Appointments, it may be expedient that a Bond should be given by the parent, guardian, or friend of every person receiving a nomination, containing a penalty to be paid to the East India Company, upon proof being made at any subsequent period, that any valuable consideration was given for such Appointment; that species of proof being deemed sufficient to levy the penalty, upon which the Court of Directors may think themselves authorized to vacate the Appointment.

The practices which are developed in the present Report, and other transactions which this House has recently had under its cognizance, are sufficient to demonstrate, that Patronage of various descriptions has, in several instances, become an article of traffic; that an opinion of the generality of such practices has been prevalent to a still greater extent; and that fraudulent Agents have availed themselves of this belief, to the injury of the credulous and unwary, and to the discredit of those in whose hands the disposition of offices is lodged. It will depend upon the Steps which may be taken in consequence of these Inquiries, whether such Abuses shall receive a permanent check, or a virtual encouragement.

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Martis, 14^o die Februarii 1809.

Committee of The House of Commons on the Patronage of The East India Company.

Mr. BANKES in the Chair.

A LETTER from Mr. Thellusson was read.

GEORGE WOODFORD THELLUSSON, Esq.

Mr. Thellusson.—It may be in the recollection of some of the Members who are here, that I put several questions to Mr. Donovan; there was one particular question which I believe is more to the point than any other, whether he had not heard Mr. Tahourdin mention the name of the Director who had given such patronage. Mr. George Smith made a motion for calling Mr. Tahourdin to the Bar of the House, and I seconded that motion that he might be called. On the Friday I went to the India House, not being a Director at present, being out by rotation, to enquire of the Chairs what further they would wish me to do in this business; there was a Secret Court, and I sent in a note to Mr. Parry the Chairman, stating that I was there waiting his commands; he sent the Secretary out to me, told me that Mr. George Smith and the Deputy Chair were gone up to the Treasury to fix a Committee, and that he hoped I would attend in my seat in the House; I came up here and the House was at prayers. I saw Mr. Smith and the Deputy, and Mr. Smith told me that the Deputy was to come to second his motion; I was very happy to hear it, as it was in much better hands than it could be with me. Mr. Grant took notice in his speech to the House, of a transaction that was now going on at the India House under investigation; it happens that I was the person who made the discovery of this abuse of patronage, and I immediately went to the Director in whose name it was, and informed him, as well as the other gentlemen of the Court. On Saturday, as I had been at my counting house, I was returning, and coming through Lombard-street, when I was accosted by Mr. Emperor John Alexander Woodford, who is my first cousin, and Trustee under my father's will to all his property; I was surprised at Mr. Woodford's speaking to me, as ever since my brother's death he and I have been on terms of the greatest hostility, on account of his treatment, as I conceived, of my brother's family; he said that he was an undone man, or something to that effect; and I told him that certainly he must know that he was, in my opinion, for we could never speak more; he then told me he was going to Mr. George Hibbert, who is my brother-in-law, to communicate something to him concerning me; he said, I must see you, do you dine at home? I told him I did not know, that I did not want to see him; he said, "I know you do dine at home, for I have called at your house, and I must see you to-night at eight o'clock, we must not be seen together now." I was surprised;

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prised; and he then said, you remember the Writership, I told him yes, I remember three that I have given to you, and I have seen the return that I have met with for it. He then mentioned Mr. Donovan's name; at that moment I thought I should have fallen down, I pushed him away from me, and told him not to speak to me any more, that I must go directly to the India House, and I ran to the India House and asked for the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman; the Chairman was not there, but I was informed he was gone down to visit the India Stud, that the Deputy Chairman had not been there; I asked if any other Director was there, and I was informed Mr. Mills was there; this was about a quarter past one o'clock. I informed Mr. Mills of what had passed, and asked him what advice he could give me; he recommended me by all means to see the Chairs, but he was afraid that the Deputy might be out of town, and I told him that the Chairman was also gone; I told him that I certainly would make a point of seeing the Chairs if I went into the country or elsewhere; I then went to Mr. Smith, and communicated the whole circumstance to him; from thence I went to Mr. Serjeant Heywood, who is executor and co-trustee with me under my brother's will, to inform him of what was passing, as we are fighting in Chancery Mr. Woodford at this moment; Mr. Serjeant Heywood was not at home, and I went to my solicitors, Messrs. Oddie and Forsters; from thence I returned to Mr. Serjeant Heywood's, and walked with him to the Deputy Chair's in Russell-square, he was not at home, I left my name there and that I would call again; I then went by myself to the Chairman's house in Gower-street, he was not come home, but was expected home to dinner; I waited at his house till he did come home, I communicated the circumstance to him, and he recommended me to go to the Deputy Chair's, as he thought he would be home then; I went to the Deputy Chair's, but he was not returned; I wrote at the back of the note I had left before, to appoint to be with him at eight o'clock, as I was determined not to see Mr. Woodford, and that he had fixed that hour to call upon me; I went home; I did not know Mr. Woodford's direction in town, but Mrs. George Thelluffon told me of it; I then wrote this letter.

* [Mr. Thelluffon delivered in a Letter, and it was read.

I returned at eight o'clock to Mr. Grant's, and had about an hour's conversation with him. Fearing that Mr. Woodford might still call upon me in the evening, I went and staid till half past twelve at night at Mr. Serjeant Heywood's. I ordered a chaise to be ready for me early in the morning, and went to Clapham, but five minutes before I got into my chaise I received this letter.

* [Mr. Thelluffon delivered in a Letter from Mr. Woodford, dated 11th February 1809.

On Saturday night when I returned, I wrote a letter to Mr. Ramsay, the Secretary of the India Company, desiring him to send me the list of my patronage for these three years past, and he sent me the following list.

* [Mr. Thelluffon delivered in a List, which was read.

* Nothing material in these Papers, except what is printed in the Report or in the Evidence.

The Writership for Edward James Smith was given to Mr. Woodford direct; with respect to that given to Sir Walter James James, I have not the honour of his acquaintance, but Mr. Woodford said it was a young man, with whom he was particularly acquainted; I do not know whether a distant relation of Sir Walter James James, whom he wished to oblige; and that he was perfectly master of the Persian language, and that nothing but India would do for him. I was very much pressed for the nomination, and had partly promised it to Mr. Wrey, brother to Sir Bouchier Wrey; Mr. Wrey was in town about that time, and told me his son was not of age for a year and a half to be able to go to college, and in consequence of Mr. Woodford's pressing me so earnestly for the nomination, I ceded it to him. It appears, that this Mr. Fry Magniac is exactly the person; that he is perfectly master of the Persian language, and was recommended by the Librarian to the two Chairs for further preferment, in preference to any other person. With regard to the next nomination, I believe it is given to Mr. Greenlade. Mr. Greenlade was my private Secretary, and had been a person in the East India Company's service; he had made some money, with which he intended to retire, but Mr. Cook, a merchant who failed, deprived him of part of his fortune, and he wished to go out to India again; he was about

about eight or ten months too old, according to the regulations of the India House. Mr. Woodford told me, that he had belonging to Mr. Windham or his office a nomination for Ceylon, that the Government were not so strict with regard to the age as the India House, and that if I would give him (Mr. Woodford) that Madras Writership, he would give Mr. Greenlade his Ceylon; he did give Mr. Greenlade his Ceylon, and I gave Mr. Woodford my Madras.

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Which do you suppose to be the Writership to which Mr. Donovan referred in his evidence?—I really know nothing more than I have told the Committee; I have had no communication whatever with or from Mr. Woodford.

Had these three appointments the * Memorandum stated in this paper subscribed by you, and were the contents of what you subscribed true?—Precisely so; I believe no Writer can properly be nominated till that form is complied with.

* Vide Form of Declaration in Report, p. 7.

How long has that form been required?—Ever since I have been in the Direction, from 1796.

Previous to Lord Rendlesham's death, were you in the habit of great and frequent communication and great intimacy with Mr. Woodford?—I lived with him as my brother; we were brought up as children together; he was born the second of March and I the twenty-second; we never had been separated till that time, but were in the habits of the closest intimacy as if we were brothers, and never, till my brother's death, had I a word of dispute with Mr. Woodford in all my life; I looked upon him as my brother.

You never saw Mr. Donovan before he came to the Bar of the House of Commons?—Never in my life.

Was the mention of Donovan's name the only allusion Mr. Woodford made to the sale of the Commission, when you met in Lombard-street?—Mr. Woodford asked me, if I recollected the Writership, and mentioned Mr. Donovan's name; it struck me so, that if you asked me what he said afterwards, I could not tell. I met a near relation of mine passing by, my uncle, who had come to town, who does not very often come to town; I ran on to the India House, and could not speak to him; I feared lest he should think I was really crazy, and I wrote him a letter of apology. The confidence we had in Mr. Woodford, as executor of my father's will, was unbounded.

EMPEROR JOHN ALEXANDER WOODFORD, Esquire.

State to the Committee the circumstances relating to the appointment of the Writer, which you were going to communicate to Mr. Thellusson when you met him in Lombard-street.—Mr. Thellusson had at my request given me a Writership.

Mr. Woodford.

At what time?—It is within the last eighteen months, but I cannot exactly state the time, which Writership I allowed to be disposed of for a sum of money; and when I saw that by some circumstances that transaction was likely to be made known, I thought it my duty to inform Mr. Thellusson how far I was culpable.

To whom was that appointment given, that was so disposed of?—To a Mr. Fry Magniac; that gentleman has since, I understand, been recommended to the Court of Directors for promotion, in consequence of his superior qualifications.

What sum of money did you receive for this appointment?—Three thousand guineas, I believe, was the sum.

From whom did you receive it?—I received it through the hands of Mr. Tahourdin.

Did he negotiate this appointment with you?—I went to him, I think, to desire him to procure somebody to purchase the appointment.

What was your acquaintance with Mr. Tahourdin?—Mr. Tahourdin originally wrote me a great many letters relative to the price of estates in different parts of the country, which he offered me as Trustee for the late Mr. Thellusson, some estates

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in Hampshire; I was very desirous of Hampshire estates, and I found him to be a Hampshire man; Mr. Tahourdin's brother was Curate to my uncle, the late Archdeacon of Winchester.

When did your acquaintance with Mr. Tahourdin commence?—I should think it must be nearly three years ago; I cannot state particularly.

What is Mr. Tahourdin?—A Solicitor.

Do you know Mr. Donovan?—I have heard and known of Mr. Donovan by reputation for many years; but I never heard of or saw him, or knew of his being at all connected with this transaction till I saw it in the Papers; if I had had any idea that such a man as Mr. Donovan could have been connected with the transaction, I certainly should not.

Was any other person known to you in this transaction, except Mr. Tahourdin?—None.

Had you any interview with Mr. Fry Magniac, or any of his relations?—I cannot speak to that, but I rather think I saw him once; I am uncertain; I know that I took great pains to ascertain that he was a proper person for the recommendation; I am not quite certain whether I did see him or not, but it is possible. I was told that he had been bred up for the appointment, and that he understood Persian.

Did you receive no personal application from Mr. Fry Magniac, or any of his relations?—None at all.

Did you receive any money for the appointment of Edward James Smith in the season 1806-7?—I did.

From whom did you receive that money?—From Mr. Tahourdin.

What was the sum?—£.3,500.

Had you any acquaintance with Mr. Edward James Smith?—None.

Did you ever see him previous to the appointment?—No.

Did you treat with any of his relations or with him for that appointment?—Never.

Was any other person privy to that transaction, excepting Mr. Tahourdin?—Not to my knowledge.

Did you receive any money for the appointment of Henry Gardiner?—None.

Or for Mr. Greenlade's, which was in exchange for that?—None.

Was not that exchange made at your request by Mr. Thellusson?—Certainly it was.

Did you receive any benefit from it?—None; no, I received no benefit from that of Mr. Gardiner; I was only going to state, that though I must stand culpable for the money received, that it is in fact mine, this would be a charge upon me, perhaps. I believe, I had better leave it as it is, that I received the money.

Did you receive no benefit of any kind whatever from the transaction respecting Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Greenlade?—No.

Had you no expectation of any kind from that transaction?—I am to have the gift of a living, to have the disposal of a living, some months hence, in the West of England.

Who is to put you into possession of that living?—Mr. Tahourdin.

What living is that?—I do not know at all; it is one that he will probably obtain for me.

What is the value of that living stipulated to be?—From £.200. to £.300. a year.

Have you any security for that?—None.

No written document?—None whatever.

No memorandum?—None.

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Have you sufficient confidence in the integrity of Mr. Tahourdin to rest a transaction of that kind entirely upon his recollection and honour?—Certainly I have never seen any thing in him that should at all make me doubt it; I considered all these transactions as transactions of honour, and took no security for their being carried into effect. *Mr. Woodford.*

Is that living to be at your disposal for the purpose of sale?—No.

What is the destination of that living?—I intend it for a cousin of mine, Mr. Sherrar. This gentleman does not know any thing in the world of the transaction.

Have you had any other transactions with Mr. Tahourdin, from which you derived any pecuniary advantage or expectation of advantage, in consequence of appointments in the India House?—None.

Did Mr. Thelluffon, at the recommendation of yourself, appoint any Cadets at any time?—I believe several.

Who were they?—I do not recollect at this time.

Do you recollect none of them?—I think there is a Mr. Budd that I once recommended to him.

Do you recollect any other names?—Not just now; I have asked them of him for many persons who had applied for them, without proper consideration.

Have you at any time obtained any Writership or Cadetship from any other Director?—None that I know of. I applied to Mr. Robarts for an appointment some little time ago, but it never has been carried into execution.

Had you not, a considerable number of years ago, a Writership given you by Mr. Thelluffon?—Yes, I had.

To whom was it given?—I really forget the gentleman's name; there was no pecuniary consideration taken for that, that I know of; none, to my knowledge.

When you recommended Mr. Edward Smith to Mr. Thelluffon, what reasons did you give for the recommendation?—That I wished very much to oblige Mr. Smith.

What claims did you represent Mr. Smith as having upon your recommendation?—I do not recollect that I represented any.

Either of relationship or friendship?—I said that he was a person whom I wished very much to oblige.

Did you state any connection with his family?—None. You must take into your consideration the situation in which I stood in regard to Mr. Thelluffon, and you will not wonder perhaps that he should be naturally inclined to do what I wished, without any very minute inquiry into those things; he could not suppose I made any improper use of it, however I might have been culpable in so doing. I should have thought caution on his part would have shewn a suspicion that he must have thought me undeserving, and that I should have thought myself in some degree injured. Mr. George Thelluffon and I were the earliest friends, and he could have no reason till now in supposing I abused his confidence in any of those transactions.

What circumstances led you to conclude that Donovan's examination pointed at this transaction, rather than any other in which you might have been concerned with Tahourdin?—I only guessed that from seeing the name in my newspaper, Tahourin. I then thought, as the names were so nearly alike, it must have been Mr. Tahourdin.

Was any pecuniary consideration given or promised for any of the Cadetships that you obtained from Mr. Thelluffon?—None, that I know of.

There was one application that did not succeed?—Yes; that was not to Mr. Thelluffon, but to Mr. Robarts.

What was your inducement for making that application?—To obtain it for a young man, a nephew of a friend of mine, without any pecuniary concern or retribution whatsoever.

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Did you make any and what representations to induce Mr. Thelluffon to appoint Mr. Fry Magniac?—That it would enable me to oblige a particular friend of mine.

Did you state who that friend was?—I did.

Who was it?—It was a person who was ignorant of the transaction.

State his name.—Sir Walter James.

Had Sir Walter James made any application to you?—No, none.

Had he any knowledge of the transaction?—None of my making use of his name.

Did you make any and what representations to induce Mr. Thelluffon to accommodate you with an exchange between Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Greenlade?—No other than that it was a matter of great accommodation to me.

Was Sir Walter James known to Mr. Thelluffon?—I cannot say, but I should think not.

Had Sir Walter James any interest in the success of Mr. Fry Magniac?—No, none at all.

What countryman is Mr. Fry Magniac?—I really do not know; I have no knowledge of him; he has been recommended to the Directors for protection in consequence of his acquirements.

Did Mr. Tahourdin first suggest this mode of traffic to you, or did you first suggest it to Mr. Tahourdin?—I wished very much to obtain a seat in Parliament, and in our conversation relative to Hampshire estates, I asked Mr. Tahourdin if he could forward my views, Solicitors being as I understood persons likely to do so; he said that he thought that through East India patronage I might possibly arrive at it; I said, that was a matter that I thought I could command, and I then applied to my cousin for this Writership.

Did Mr. Tahourdin represent to you that he was familiar or conversant with such transactions?—Mr. Tahourdin said, that certainly in the course of his business he very often negotiated seats in Parliament, or interests of that kind; I cannot state exactly the amount of what he said.

I refer to the sale of places and offices.—No, I have no reason to think he was previous to this conversation; I had had no knowledge of him in this kind of way before.

At what time did the first conversation pass upon this subject?—I should think about two years ago; I am not prepared to state exactly, but a little time before Mr. Smith's appointment or my application to Mr. Thelluffon for him; it must have been probably the beginning of 1806, about two years ago.

Was any one of those three transactions, and the money received in consequence, connected with the view of obtaining a seat in Parliament?—As they turned out, none.

Was the object of them directed towards obtaining a seat in Parliament originally?—No.

What then led you, in the first instance, to enter into this sort of traffic with Mr. Tahourdin?—When I had obtained this nomination, Mr. Tahourdin, whatever his views for me, which he did not state to me, were, seemed to think that they were not likely to succeed; the conversation was exceedingly loose, nothing of a specific nature was mentioned.

Was it the advowson, or the next presentation to a living, you were to have?—The next presentation.

When was it to be vacant?—It was one to be obtained, not in a fixed time; there was no direct negotiation for the living, it was said, in the course of so many months you shall obtain for me a living. Mr. Thelluffon certainly knew neither directly nor indirectly of those transactions; and, from my knowledge of him, I am perfectly convinced that, had he known of them, he would have put a stop to them; I think it highly incumbent upon me to state that.

Mr. GABRIEL TAHOURDIN.

How long have you known Mr. Emperor Woodford?—About three years.

Mr. Tahourdin.

What was the occasion of your first acquaintance with him?—I made an application to him respecting the sale of several estates, understanding that as executor under Mr. Thellusson's will, he had considerable sums of money at his disposal.

Upon what occasion did you first know that he had any command of India Patronage?—In consequence of this application we had frequent communications, and in the course of conversation that among other subjects was mentioned; Mr. Woodford asked me if I had in the course of my profession any Parliamentary interest ever offered, which gave rise to questions relating to Writerships; I told him that I had not at that moment, but such a thing might occur, and he expressed a wish of coming into Parliament himself or some friend, I cannot recollect which.

Did you suggest to him that his views, with regard to a seat in Parliament, might be facilitated by a disposal of Indian patronage?—I rather think that arose from him.

Recollect yourself, and give as accurate an account as you can upon that point?—Whether I mentioned it first or he I do not know, I can take upon myself to say positively that I believe it came from Mr. Woodford.

Upon what occasion had you first any transaction with Mr. Woodford with regard to the disposal of a Writership?—In consequence of this communication and the conversation which passed, which has just been stated, I saw Mr. Woodford again, and he asked me if any thing had occurred relative to Parliamentary interest, referring to the conversation which had taken place before; my answer was, no, in consequence of which Mr. Woodford desired I would dispose of the Writership.

At what time was this?—I think it was early in the year 1807.

Did he tell you that he had a Writership at his disposal at that time?—He told me he could command one.

What negotiation took place, on your part, with Mr. Woodford in consequence of this?—Understanding from Mr. Woodford that it was his wish to have the Writership disposed of, I made inquiries among my friends, and I found a person who was desirous to take it.

Who was that person?—The gentleman who named the person to me was Mr. Wimbourn.

Where does he live?—In Chancery Lane.

What is he?—An Attorney.

Whom did he name to you?—Is it wished that I should give the name of the gentleman wanting the situation, or that of his friend.

Both?—He did not give me the name of the gentleman, he gave me the name of his friend.

What is his name?—Mr. Laing, of Portland Place.

What led you to apply to Mr. Wimbourn?—It happened accidentally as I met him.

Were you in the habit of communicating with Mr. Wimbourn upon subjects of this kind?—No.

Had you ever any other transaction with Mr. Wimbourn for the disposal of any office?—None.

What led you to mention the circumstance to Mr. Wimbourn?—Merely, as I stated before, accidentally in conversation.

Were you in the habit of mentioning it generally to all Attornies whom you conversed with?—No, I was not.

What passed afterwards with regard to Mr. Laing?—It was agreed that Mr. Laing's friend would take the appointment.

Did you ever see Mr. Laing?—Yes.

Mr. Tahourdin. Did your negotiation pass directly with Mr. Laing after you were introduced to Mr. Wimbourn?—Yes, immediately with Mr. Laing.

And not through Mr. Wimbourn?—I might see him once or twice in the course of the transaction, that was all.

Was Mr. Wimbourn present at your conversations with Mr. Laing upon this subject?—I do not think he was.

Who paid you the Money?—It was deposited.

Where was it deposited?—At my bankers.

Who are your bankers?—Ransom, Morland, & Co.

What was the sum deposited?—Three thousand five hundred pounds.

In whose names?—Mr. Wimbourn's name and my own.

Was it deposited by Mr. Laing?—I really do not know; a communication was made to me by Mr. Wimbourn, stating that the money was deposited; I do not know who deposited it.

By whom was the condition signed?—I do not know of any condition; it was deposited in Mr. Wimbourn's and my joint names.

Was there no written engagement of any sort?—None that I know of.

What power had you to draw it out?—Mr. Wimbourn's signature was necessary, and that was given.

Was not your signature necessary to draw it out?—It was passed to my account.

Did it then stand in your sole name?—After that it did.

After what time?—After the transaction had taken place.

I understood you to have said, that the money was deposited in the joint names of Mr. Wimbourn and yourself?—Yes.

If so, your signature, as well as that of Mr. Wimbourn, would I apprehend be necessary to draw it out?—I kept a cash account at the house, it passed to my account, and became mine to draw for as I pleased.

Do you know the month in which this money was deposited?—I cannot state the month; I may be able by referring to the house of Ransom and Company.

To whom did you pay this Money?—I paid it to Mr. Woodford.

Did you pay to Mr. Woodford the whole of this money?—The money was £.3,500, whether I paid Mr. Woodford the £.3,500, and he returned me £.100, of which he made me a present, or whether he, before I paid him the money, told me to keep back £.100, and so I paid him only £.3,400, I do not know.

The whole advantage you derived personally from this transaction was £.100?—The sole advantage.

Was that in consequence of any previous agreement, or what Mr. Woodford thought proper to give you, without previous stipulation?—What he thought proper to give me, without any previous stipulation whatever.

What was the name of the person who was appointed?—His name was Smith.

Was it Edward James Smith?—I cannot speak as to his Christian name.

Upon what event were you to pay this money over to Mr. Woodford?—On Mr. Smith's being appointed a Writer to Bengal.

Did you mention the specific consideration which was expected, or was it an offer made on the part of Mr. Laing, or Mr. Wimbourn?—I believe I stated the sum to be £.3,500; the money lay in my hands for a few weeks, in consequence of Mr. Woodford's desiring me to look out for a security on mortgage for 3,000; and Mr. Woodford mentioned the names of the persons to me, but I do not know whether I can mention the names of the persons; it was to be laid out in trust for two young people; Mr. Woodford declared to me that the money was not for himself.

Before you concluded this transaction with Mr. Wimbourn, did you apply to any other person to become a purchaser of this Writership?—I really cannot say; with Mr.

Wimbourn

Wimbourn it merely arose in conversation; we live near each other at Chelsea, and often came to Town together; I might have offered it to several of my clients, but I cannot say; I never expected to be called upon, and did not retain it in my memory. *Mr. Tahourdin.*

Did you ever apply to any person who was in the habit of trafficking in the sale of commissions or employments?—Never in my life; I never had the least idea of; it came to me quite accidentally.

Did you first mention to Mr. Woodford, or Mr. Woodford to you, the idea of giving him money for this?—Mr. Woodford to me.

Did Mr. Woodford propose to you, that you should give him money for it, if you could not procure him a Seat in Parliament?—I might say to him, that these things were sometimes sold, of course most men know that they are sometimes sold, and I had heard the same; I might say, I can procure you a person for it.

Was this the first transaction of the kind you have been engaged in?—Yes, ever in my life.

Did you conceive it was a transaction which, in its nature, it was necessary to keep secret?—I did not conceive there was the least impropriety in the transaction, otherwise than, if it could be traced that a Director received money for it, it would be improper; but I did not consider it improper or illegal for any other person to receive money for it.

Did you give Mr. Woodford any security for the money?—No.

Is it usual for you, in transactions of that amount, to make engagements for which you give no security whatever?—It depends entirely upon the opinion that one party has of another.

Was it a Bengal Writership?—Yes.

Did you know Mr. Smith, or ever see him?—Never till this transaction; I saw the young man once or twice then, or three or four times.

Do you know in what degree he was related to Mr. Laing?—I believe he is some relation, but I cannot say what.

You state that you conceived it was generally known that these situations were bought and sold; do you know from whom you ever received that intelligence?—No, I cannot say indeed.

Am I to understand that you never had any transaction with a broker for the sale or purchase of a commission or appointment prior to this time?—Never, to my knowledge. I am sure never; it cannot be; it is impossible.

Subsequently?—I certainly had; there is evidence before the House of that.

What was the next transaction of a similar kind in which you were engaged with Mr. Woodford?—It was a transaction of the same nature.

When and what was that transaction?—With regard to the time I am rather at a loss, but I think it was early in the year 1808.

State the particulars of that transaction as far as you recollect them?—Mr. Woodford stated to me that he had another Writership at his command, and that he would be glad if I would dispose of it.

A Bengal Writership?—Yes; I told him I would; I think he stated to me that the money was to be applied for some poor relation, or something in that kind of way.

A poor relation of his own?—Yes; Mr. Woodford at all times disclaimed receiving any part of this money for himself. I mentioned the circumstance to Messrs. Austin and Maunde, who are army agents and bankers in Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, and they gave me (it was by letter I think) a recommendation to Mr. Donovan, stating him to be a friend of theirs, and a gentleman of great respectability. I took this letter to Mr. Donovan, and the negotiation for this writership commenced and was concluded through the medium of Mr. Donovan. The price I fixed upon this Writership, with Mr. Donovan, was three thousand guineas, which he agreed to give; it was mutually agreed that the money should be deposited, and it was deposited at Austin and Maunde's; but when we came to the deposit of the money, it

Mr. Tahourdin. appeared that three thousand five hundred guineas was to be deposited, which was more than the sum I had asked; Mr. Donovan stating to me that he had procured five hundred guineas more, and that he should rely upon me, as a man of honour, to give him that five hundred guineas when the money came to my hands, which I promised to do.

In what names was that money deposited?—I hardly know, upon my word.

Your name must have been one?—I believe it was; and I believe a friend of the gentleman, I do not recollect the gentleman's name, Bale or Beale; it was deposited in his and my joint names.

Do you know in what month that was?—I really cannot say.

Your's must have been one of the names?—Undoubtedly; I think I can almost venture to say it was; I think I made it a condition that mine should be. I received the Money of them afterwards.

Was there any written agreement relating to this sum of money?—None, except the receipt when the money was paid by Austin and Maunde.

By whom was it deposited?—It was deposited by a gentleman whose name was included in the receipt with mine; I think his name was Beale.

At what time was this money placed to your account?—The money was paid; I keep no account at Austin and Maunde's.

At what time was it paid to you by them?—I cannot state the month exactly; I think in June or July.

Upon what contingency?—Upon the Writership being obtained.

For whom?—For a gentleman of the name of Magniac.

Had you any acquaintance with that gentleman?—None.

Was he recommended by Mr. Donovan?—Mr. Beale was the gentleman to whom I was recommended by Mr. Donovan, or rather introduced by Mr. Donovan.

Did your transactions, relative to this appointment, pass with Mr. Beale, or continue through Mr. Donovan?—I had communications with Mr. Beale, whether I saw Mr. Donovan after the money was deposited I really cannot say; I might see him once or twice.

Where does Mr. Beale live?—He did live then in Fitzroy-square.

What was his situation in life?—I do not know; he appeared to me to be a gentleman of very great respectability.

Did he state Mr. Magniac to be a relation of his?—I think he did; but I cannot speak as to that point.

Did you transact with him the terms upon which this appointment was to be procured?—No; that was arranged by Mr. Donovan.

Did Mr. Beale ever mention to you the sum he was to pay for it?—He paid the money by his own cheque.

Did he ever mention to you the sum he was to pay for it?—We met together to deposit the money, and he drew a cheque upon his banker.

Did he, previously to that, mention the sum which was to be given for it?—No; but there is no doubt he understood the sum, for he drew a cheque for it. I never saw Mr. Beale till we met to deposit the money, therefore I do not see how any conversation could arise upon the subject; he knew perfectly what he was to give, and the money was deposited.

Had you any other interview with Mr. Beale than at the time you went with him to see the money deposited, or the cheque drawn?—I never saw Mr. Beale till that time; I saw him afterwards.

To whom did you pay this money?—I paid Mr. Donovan the five hundred guineas; that I pledged myself to do.

What did you pay to Mr. Woodford?—I paid him a short time after the transaction £. 1,000. I think it was Mr. Woodford gave me to understand that he should make me a compliment of the £. 150; three thousand guineas was the amount, and he begged

begged me to accept of £. 150, and I paid him £. 1,000 shortly afterwards; the remainder of the money lay in my hands a very considerable time; I am indebted to *Mr. Tahourdin.* Mr. Woodford a small sum at this moment.

Is the sum of £. 150 the whole which you either received or expect to receive for your concern in this transaction?—The whole.

Was any other person, besides Mr. Donovan and Mr. Beale and yourself, privy to this transaction?—I do not think they were; whether Messrs. Austin and Maunde knew any thing of it, it is difficult for me to know; in the course of the conversation that passed about depositing the money, Mr. Austin was called into the room; we could not exactly agree upon the mode of depositing it; but we did not mention the transaction to him; whether he knew it from Mr. Donovan I cannot say.

You are sure no written memorandum was drawn up respecting it?—None, except the receipt.

Did Mr. Woodford know any thing of the five hundred guineas Mr. Donovan was to receive?—Nothing.

Did you never tell it to Mr. Woodford?—Never.

Did you ever mention this appointment to Mr. Wimbourn before you had any transactions with Austin and Maunde?—No.

Did you mention it to any other person but Austin and Maunde?—No.

Did you ever hear the name of Sir Walter James introduced into this business?—I am not sure whether Mr. Woodford mentioned his name; I think he did.

Did you hear it from any body else?—No.

Did you know that it was agreed that the recommendation should be stated as having come from him?—Upon my word I hardly know whether it was or not; I recollect something of the name of Sir Walter James now it is mentioned, but it had not occurred to me.

Was it stated by either of the parties that he had any real concern in the transaction?—Whatever passed where Sir Walter James's name was mentioned must have come from Mr. Woodford; I knew nothing of Sir Walter James.

Do you know that it was stated that Mr. Magniac was in fact recommended by Sir Walter James?—I think I recollect something of the name of Sir Walter James being mentioned by Mr. Woodford, and I think it might go to that, but I cannot say positively.

Was he mentioned by Mr. Woodford as being a person who actually had an interest in the nomination, or was his name mentioned only to give a respectable colour to it?—Upon my word I cannot say that he had a positive concern in the transaction.

You are inclined to believe that he had some concern in it?—Yes; I recollect the name certainly.

Did you never hear the name from Mr. Beale or Mr. Donovan?—Never; I think certainly not.

Had Mr. Woodford any concern in the negotiation further than with you?—None.

Then how could he be apprized that Sir Walter James had any concern in the transaction if you did not inform him of it?—Upon my word I do not know; I recollect something of the name, but that is all I can say.

Can you state whether that name was introduced merely as a respectable name, to give colour to the transaction, or whether that gentleman had any concern in the transaction?—I really cannot recollect as to that point, I would wish to give every information in my power.

Did you never mention to Mr. Woodford, that Mr. Donovan had been at all employed in the transaction?—No.

Mr. Tahourdin.

In what way did you represent to Mr. Woodford, that the negotiation with Mr. Beale had been brought about?—I did not mention to him any way, I had nothing to do but to negotiate the thing.

Did you never state to him with whom it was negotiated?—No.

Did he never ask you who was to be his paymaster?—Mr. Woodford was thoroughly satisfied with me, I believe. Mr. Woodford and myself had repeated communication on other matters besides this.

You never stated to Mr. Woodford, and he never knew, with whom you were negotiating, and for whom the place was to be obtained?—I really believe never.

Can you state what passed between you and Mr. Donovan relative to this transaction, first how it was opened between you?—I had mentioned to Messrs. Austin and Maunde that I could procure such a thing, and they recommended me to Mr. Donovan, as a person who would inform me of a person who would wish to take the appointment; consequently, I waited upon Mr. Donovan, and stated that, with a letter from Messrs. Austin and Maunde.

Do you recollect the manner in which Mr. Donovan opened to you that proposal, that he should have five hundred guineas more than Mr. Woodford was to know of?—I do not think any thing of that kind passed till we came to deposit the money, or a day before that, or something of that kind he stated, that he had obtained more, and should expect me to pay him the difference.

Did not he state to you, the first interview, how much was to be given for this?—No, certainly not how much he was to have.

How much was to be given in all?—No, it was just before the money was to be deposited.

Was it not mentioned by Mr. Donovan to you, originally, how much was to be given for the Writership?—Yes, three thousand guineas; I understood the question, whether Mr. Donovan had stated to me, in the early part of the transaction how much he was to receive.

Three thousand guineas, it was stated originally, was to be given?—That was my sum to Mr. Donovan.

You cannot state when it first occurred, that he was to have five hundred guineas more?—I think it was the day before the money was deposited, or on the day, that he should rely upon me, as a man honour, to give him five hundred guineas when the money was deposited.

Did not you report to Mr. Woodford, that it was to be three thousand five hundred guineas, instead of three thousand?—No, I did not.

Did you say to Mr. Woodford, three thousand guineas, or three thousand five hundred?—Three thousand.

Was Mr. Donovan present when the money was deposited?—Yes.

With Mr. Beale?—Yes.

Mr. Woodford was not there?—No.

Did any thing pass between you and Mr. Donovan at the time, that, if he could get more, he was to have all above the three thousand guineas?—I do not think any thing of that kind passed till the day before we deposited the money; he might state a thing of that kind, but I will not be positive.

Did Mr. Woodford ever ask you since how much was gained for that Writership?—No.

You think he may imagine to this moment, that the party only gave three thousand guineas?—Mr. Woodford, I dare say, does not know that more was given, but from the report of the transaction which has appeared.

Then you think Mr. Woodford may still imagine, that three thousand guineas was the whole sum that was obtained?—Yes, certainly.

Did Mr. Donovan desire you to keep the sum which was to be paid a secret from Mr. Beale, as well as from Mr. Woodford?—No, he did not desire either the one or the other.

Have

Have you any reason to believe, that Mr. Beale knew that the price for which the appointment was sold was in fact only three thousand guineas?—No; I have no reason whatever to suppose that. *Mr. Tahourdin.*

Did you make any stipulations with Mr. Donovan, as to the qualifications of the person who was to become the purchaser of this Writership?—No; Mr. Donovan stated to me, that he was a young man, remarkably well calculated for an appointment of that kind; that he understood the Persian language, and I understood so from Mr. Beale.

You accepted him upon the representation of Mr. Donovan?—I considered, of course, he would not be accepted by the Company if he was not fit.

You accepted Mr. Magniac upon the representation of Mr. Donovan?—Yes, I certainly did; I had very strong recommendation from men that I had an opinion of to Mr. Donovan.

Mr. Woodford stated it was to be sold for a poor relation, and denied that it was for his own benefit?—Yes.

For whom was the Seat in Parliament?—I think he expressed a wish to come into Parliament himself, he denied the money being for himself.

The money's worth was, for himself, the Seat in Parliament?—I cannot take upon me to say it was for himself, he expressed himself desirous of Parliamentary interest.

Do you know at what time Mr. Magniac was introduced to Mr. Woodford?—He was never introduced to Mr. Woodford, to my knowledge.

Was the name of Mr. Magniac given by you to Mr. Woodford?—Yes.

How long before the appointment took place?—I cannot say, I do not think it was long, I could refer more particularly as to dates perhaps.

Did Mr. Woodford inform you that he had made any inquiries as to Mr. Magniac's fitness and sufficiency?—No, I do not know that he did; I understood from Mr. Beale that he was well qualified for the situation, particularly so.

Did Mr. Woodford, when he talked with you respecting this sum, give you any directions as to the care you should take to recommend a person perfectly well qualified for the situation?—Mr. Woodford certainly did express himself, I believe, in that way, that of course they were respectable parties; a conversation of that kind might take place.

Did Mr. Woodford authorize you to make any recompence to Mr. Donovan for his part in this transaction?—He never knew the name of Mr. Donovan.

What was the next transaction, with regard to any appointment, in which you had any concern with Mr. Woodford?—There was one more.

What was that?—I applied to Mr. Woodford, to ask him if he could obtain a Writership for Madras.

About what time?—About six or eight months ago. I should wish you to understand that I had repeated communications with Mr. Woodford in a confidential way, as solicitor, and that Mr. Woodford gave me reason to apprehend that I might be employed hereafter in matters, as a solicitor, that might be attended with considerable emolument to myself, and that therefore I wished to serve Mr. Woodford as far as in my power. Mr. Woodford, when I first mentioned it to him, said he did not know whether he could or not, we met again, and the subject was again mentioned, and he said he thought perhaps he might be able to obtain it, but that he did not wish to obtain money for it, but that he had a friend in the Church whom he wished to provide for, and if I could obtain a living for him, he should have no objection to use his endeavour to procure the appointment; however it came to this, that he did procure the appointment.

Was there any written engagement entered into upon that occasion?—None.

To whom was that appointment disposed of?—The gentleman's name is Gardiner.

Had you any conversation with Mr. Gardiner upon the subject?—I had with his mother.

Mr. Tahourdin. Where does she live?—She lives at Bath.

Did you see her at Bath?—Yes; I have seen her at Bath.

Did you see her at Bath when these conversations passed?—No; she was in Town then.

Where does she reside in Bath?—In Alfred Street.

State the substance of your conversations with her upon this subject?—The negotiation did not take place with Mrs. Gardiner in the first instance; it passed through the medium of my bankers Ransoms; I mentioned to one of the gentlemen in the house that I had a thing of that kind, if they knew of any gentleman that was desirous of taking it.

To which of the partners of the house did you mention it?—Mr. Boase.

What did he do in consequence?—He mentioned it to Mrs. Gardiner.

Did he introduce Mrs. Gardiner to you?—He did by letter; it was understood that the price of this Writership was to be £. 3000, which was to be paid on Mr. Gardiner's obtaining the appointment.

Was that transaction carried into execution according to that agreement?—Yes; it was.

Was the sum of £. 3000 paid for that?—The sum of £. 3000 was paid by Mrs. Gardiner to me.

What became of that £. 3000?—That remains with me still.

Why have you not paid it over to Mr. Woodford?—The understanding between Mr. Woodford and myself was, that I should take this Writership and procure him a living of the value of £. 300 a year.

For whom was that living to be obtained?—I do not know; it was a friend of Mr. Woodford's.

The next presentation to a living?—Yes; the next presentation on the life of an old incumbent, and to be in the West of England.

Was not the friend of Mr. Woodford named to you?—No; I am pretty confident he was not.

Was any particular living pointed out?—No.

Within what time was this condition to be performed?—Mr. Woodford was not particular as to time, he gave me considerable latitude; I think it might be two years, eighteen months or two years.

Was any memorandum in writing, or any letter written, containing the circumstances of this engagement?—No; not concerning any one of them.

How long since is it that the money was paid?—I cannot say exactly whether it was June or July; I could tell you the exact date if you wish to know; five or six months ago.

Were you to derive any other advantage from this transaction, excepting the keeping the money in your hands till you provided a living?—None whatever.

That you do consider an advantage, I suppose?—Yes, I do; if I had obtained a living for £. 500, or any friend had given me a living which I could give to Mr. Woodford, the money would be mine; for Mr. Woodford did not know what I obtained for the Writership, nor what I had done with it; I considered that I should have to pay about £3,000 for a living of this description; it was not emolument which was my consideration in these transactions; if any person had given me a living for it, I should have given it away; I certainly had an object in view, to strengthen my connexion with Mr. Woodford, because I considered that I might honourably promote myself in my profession by the connexion; that was my sole object; I have been actuated by nothing else in the transaction.

Have you taken any steps for procuring that living?—I have one or two in view.

Have you advertised in the western papers?—No, I do not advertise in any papers; I take in the Salisbury paper, because I am a Hampshire man.

Were

Were any other persons, besides Mrs. Gardiner, Mr. Poase, and yourself, privy to *Mr. Tahourdin.* the money part of this transaction?—Not that I know of; I do not know whether there was not a friend of Mrs. Gardiner's interfered, but I forget his name.

Was the bargain made between Mrs. Gardiner and yourself?—No, it was not; I mentioned the terms to Mr. Poase £.3,000, and he wrote to Mrs. Gardiner.

Then the bargain was made by Mr. Poase, subject to her approbation?—That he would write to her, and see whether she approved of it.

Do you know any thing of any interest Mrs. Gardiner had for a Writership in Ceylon?—No; I do not.

Do you not know that this was a matter of exchange; that one appointment was given for another; an appointment in Madras for an appointment in Ceylon?—I recollect something of that kind: I think it was in Mr. Magniac's case I have heard the circumstance.

It is not within your knowledge?—No; Mr. Woodford did mention something of the circumstance, that it was a matter of exchange.

It did not appear, in your negotiation with Mrs. Gardiner, whether she was applying for an original appointment to Madras, or whether she was disposed to exchange an appointment she had got for her son in Ceylon, for one in Madras?—No; nothing of that kind transpired between Mrs. Gardiner and myself, or at least I do not recollect any thing of the kind.

Did you ever hear the name of Mr. Greenlade introduced into this business?—I think I have heard the name mentioned by Mr. Woodford; there was in one of them an exchange effected, I think; and Ceylon I recollect perfectly to have been mentioned.

It might be in this?—It might be.

Is a Writership in Ceylon reckoned of equal value with a Madras Writership?—I do not know.

What is the ordinary value of the next presentation to a living in the West of England, where the incumbent is old; how many years purchase?—I calculate about ten years.

Do you know whether there is any great difference between the value of a Writership to Bengal, and one to Madras?—I have always understood that there was considered to be a difference, but I cannot exactly state what it was.

Did it not appear to you, that you sold this Writership under its value at £.3000, when Mr. Donovan had obtained three thousand five hundred guineas for a Writership to Bengal?—No; I considered a Bengal Writership to be more valuable than a Madras.

Was it upon Mrs. Gardiner's recommendation only, you accepted of Mr. Gardiner as being a fit person?—It was upon the recommendation of my banker, from whom I should have accepted of a recommendation of any one.

Did you pay over five hundred guineas to Mr. Donovan?—In the second transaction I did.

With your own hands?—Yes; in the presence of my brother.

Mention your brother's name and where he lives?—He lives in Argyle Street, his name is Peter.

Is he a partner with you?—Yes.

You paid it into his own hands?—Yes; £.500 in notes, and a cheque for £.25.

Have you at any time had any transactions with Mr. Woodford, relative to the appointment of Cadets?—None.

What other transactions have you had with Mr. Donovan, relative to any appointment to the East Indies?—None; I believe Mr. Donovan, may have applied to me, to ask me whether I could procure this, that, or the other; he has several times; but this is the only transaction I have ever had with him.

Had you any transaction with Mr. Donovan, in which the name of O'Hara was introduced?

Mr. Tahourdin. introduced?—No; Mr. O'Hara's name was never mentioned in the course of that transaction, of course I know what transaction you allude to; it seemed to be a transaction which was confounded with that of Mr. Magniac, when I read Mr. Donovan's examination.

State what you know with regard to that appointment, in which the name of Mr. O'Hara was mentioned?—I know nothing at all but what I get from the Paper; I beg to assure the Committee that I am not a trafficker in these things; I do not wish to do it, nor have I any occasion to do it.

When did you see Mr. Donovan last?—I cannot say exactly; I have not seen him pending the Inquiry before the House of Commons.

Recollect whether you are quite positive, that Mr. Woodford never mentioned to you how he obtained this Writership for Mr. Gardiner?—I do not pretend to take upon myself to say which it was; I do recollect that an exchange was mentioned, and that one of the Writerships was obtained by way of exchange; but I cannot state which.

Did he ever mention to you that Mr. Windham had given him a Ceylon Writership?—He did mention something respecting a Ceylon Writership, and I believe it might be that.

Your recollection does not serve you to state whether in your conversation, either with Mr. Boase or Mrs. Gardiner, respecting those appointments, Mr. Gardiner's appointment to a Writership in Ceylon was mentioned?—No; if it took place it was with Mr. Woodford, and I believe he did mention it was in exchange, but which it was I cannot say.

Did Mr. Woodford mention to you his great desire to provide for Mr. Greenlade?—Yes, I think he did; he expressed a desire to provide for one, but I cannot say the name; I understood that one of the Writerships was applied in that way.

Have you ever had any other transactions with any person, relative to the disposal of appointments to the East Indies?—None.

Did you ever hear the reason why Mr. Greenlade was not appointed to this Madras writership?—I cannot say positively whether it was that he objected to go, or he objected to go to Ceylon; but I have a very confused idea, and therefore I must be delicate in mentioning it.

He was appointed to Ceylon?—I rather think he was; and did not like to go, or something of that kind.

If you have had no other transactions with Mr. Woodford, do you know of any other transaction respecting East India Patronage, obtained through any other means?—I had a conversation with a gentleman some time ago, and I believe I stated that a friend of mine wished to send a young man to India as Cadet, and he said he would obtain it for me as matter of friendship.

Was it stated to that friend upon what terms you wished to obtain that situation?—It was a voluntary offer on his part to obtain it for me.

Do you mean by voluntary, gratuitous?—Yes.

There was no pecuniary consideration mentioned on either side?—I had lent that gentleman a hundred guineas, and believe I might say, that if it was procured I should throw the note behind the fire.

Who is that person?—His name is Dardis William, I think.

Where does he live, and what is he?—He lives in Great Queen Street, Westminster.

Any profession?—Not that I know of.

Through what interest was this Cadetship to be procured?—I cannot say.

Did he never state to you what interest he had at the India House?—Never.

Is that the only transaction to which your recollection enables you to speak?—Yes; I am sure you have the whole now.

When about might this be with Mr. Dardis?—It is within these last six Months.

Did

Did Mr. Donovan state to you whether he was familiar with these transactions respecting India Patronage?—No, I never knew that he was; I looked upon him as a private gentleman. *Mr. Tahourdin.*

Did you make any observations to him upon his proposal that he should receive five hundred guineas for himself, besides the sum Mr. Woodford was to have?—No, I do not recollect that I made any; I might say that he had made a good thing of it, or something of that kind, in the course of conversation.

Mr. JEREMIAH DONOVAN.

How long have you been acquainted with Mr. Tahourdin?—I believe about twelve months; I cannot exactly ascertain to a month. *Mr. J. Donovan.*

What was the first occasion of your knowing him?—My first occasion of knowing him was the circumstance I mentioned the other night in the House of Commons, relative to procuring a Writership.

By whom were you first introduced to him?—I was introduced to Mr. Tahourdin by Messrs. Austin and Maunde.

For what purpose?—For that purpose.

What did they state to you?—I applied to them, in the first instance, to inform them that I had an application from a person in Dublin for a Writership, if they knew of any person that was likely to procure such a Writership; they said, that they believed they knew of such a person, but it was a business of such a private nature they did not wish to have any thing to do with it. I pressed them upon the business, and at last they said they believed Mr. Tahourdin had it in his power to procure the appointment. I was introduced to Mr. Tahourdin, and he told me he believed he could procure such an appointment.

Did he procure that appointment?—He did, as I understood, and have reason to believe.

Do you not know that the appointment was procured?—I know it so far as this, that Mr. Tahourdin left a sum of money for me in the hands of Messrs. Austin and Maunde, as a commission in that business; that is the whole of the knowledge I have of this having been carried into effect.

What sum was that?—I believe it was £. 500 or guineas, but which I cannot exactly charge my memory with; Messrs. Austin and Maunde, or Mr. Tahourdin, perhaps can mention the exact sum.

Was this the transaction to which you alluded in your evidence before the House?—It was.

The following Extract from page 137 of the printed Evidence taken before the Committee on the conduct of His Royal Highness the Duke of York, was read.

“What did you receive in consequence of your exertions in that negotiation?—£. 250.”

Do you recollect giving that answer?—There was another person concerned, who received £. 250 also; therefore I did receive no more, I believe, than the difference, whatever it was, between that £. 250 and whatever was left at Austin and Maunde's; but I cannot immediately charge my memory whether it was guineas or pounds, but the other person received £. 250.

What other person was that?—A Mr. Garratt.

Where does he live?—At present I believe in St. George's Fields, being a prisoner in the King's Bench prison.

What was he?—He was a Serjeant in the regiment in which I had the honour to serve in America; he was employed to procure intelligence by the Marquis Cornwallis, and for that got an Ensigncy in the Florida Rangers, and is now on the half-pay of an Ensign.

What part had he in this transaction?—The mother-in-law of Mr. Cavendish Bradshaw wrote to me from Dublin, requesting that I would procure a Writership for a Mr. O'Hara. I applied, and the only person that I found that I was likely to succeed

M. J. Donovan. ceed through was Mr. Tahourdin; however, in consequence of the money being lodged at Messrs. Roberts and Company, I think it was Mr. Tahourdin wishing to have the money deposited in the hands of Messrs. Austin and Maunde, that negotiation broke off. Mr. Garratt applied to me, to know whether I could get a Writership for a person; this being open at the period, I told him I believed I could; he introduced me to a gentleman, whose name I do not recollect, in Fitzroy-square; I introduced that gentleman to Mr. Tahourdin, and they negotiated the business, and I had nothing further to do with it, but about the deposit of the money at Austin and Maunde's till I received the money. The young gentleman's name I do not know, but it may be obtained at Messrs. Austin and Maunde's; that is all I know of the transaction.

Was the name of the gentleman Beale?—I believe it was; he lives on the left hand side going into the Square as you enter from Charlotte-street, and I believe formerly had been in India himself.

Did any conversation pass between you and Mr. Beale as to the sum that was to be paid for this appointment?—Yes; I believe it did.

What was the sum you stated to Mr. Beale?—I do not recollect whether it was three thousand five hundred guineas or pounds, but one or the other; I believe that I mentioned the sum of money, but the negotiation afterwards rested between these two; whether it was three thousand five hundred pounds or guineas I had nothing to do with the pecuniary transaction until I received that money, further than that they met at Messrs. Austin and Maunde's about the depositing that money.

Was it not your determination to appropriate to yourself, or to yourself and Mr. Garratt, the sum of five hundred pounds or guineas beyond the price which Mr. Tahourdin was to receive for this appointment?—It was so understood between Mr. Tahourdin and me, and I did so; I gave £. 250 to Mr. Garratt, and the rest I received.

At what time was that understood between Mr. Tahourdin and you?—At the time, I presume, that I negotiated first with him that he was to receive three thousand pounds or guineas; it is generally understood that you are to pay so much for the commission, and to divide whatever else there is among the persons concerned.

Was this understood at the first interview you had with Mr. Tahourdin?—I do not recollect whether it was the first or second interview.

How long was it communicated before the money was deposited in the hands of Messrs. Austin and Maunde?—I cannot recollect; I think it might be a week or a fortnight.

Endeavour to recollect whether it was a week or a fortnight before the money was deposited.—It was about that time.

Are you positive of that?—No, I am not; it is not a circumstance that I have charged my memory with at all.

Did Mr. Beale know what commission yourself and your friend Mr. Garratt were to receive?—I do not suppose that he knew any thing of what we were to receive.

Was the whole money that was to be deposited fixed between Mr. Tahourdin and Mr. Beale, or between you and Mr. Beale?—It was fixed in the first instance, I think, between me and Mr. Beale; that is, that I mentioned the price to be given, and that then Mr. Tahourdin and he settled the rest.

In what way was the money paid to you by Mr. Tahourdin?—It was not paid to me by Mr. Tahourdin; it was left at Messrs. Austin and Maunde's for me; it was left to my credit at Messrs. Austin and Maunde's; or whether Mr. Tahourdin gave me a cheque for it, I cannot say, but I believe it was left without any cheque.

Are they your bankers?—Yes, they are.

Was any body present with Mr. Tahourdin at the time the money was paid?—I do not know how the money was paid or received.

Did you see Mr. Tahourdin's brother with him during any part of this transaction?—I had nothing to do with Mr. Tahourdin's brother; I called, and I have seen him, but I transacted the business with Mr. Gabriel Tahourdin.

Were you not present at the time the money was paid by Mr. Beale to Mr. Tahourdin, at Messrs. Austin and Maunde's?—No, I was not.

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Was not the £.500 or guineas paid to you by Mr. Tahourdin?—It was left at *Mr. J. Donovan*, Messrs. Austin and Maunde's, as far as I recollect, but I cannot charge my memory; I do not know upon my word of honour, whether it was given to me in bank notes or left there, I cannot say; I believe now, if I am right, that Mr. Tahourdin paid me in bank notes; but I really cannot say whether it was left in money; but, on recollection, I think he gave me bank notes.

Consider the kind of answer you wish to abide by?—As far as I recollect now, I called upon Mr. Tahourdin, at his house, and it now occurs to me that he gave me bank notes.

At his house?—Yes; so help me God, till this moment, I thought it was left for me at Messrs. Austin's.

Are you sure it was at that house?—I am sure.

Was any body present at the time?—I believe, now you call it to my recollection, his brother was present; this was after the young gentleman had passed.

How did you pay the share to Mr. Garratt?—I believe by a cheque on Austin and Maunde's.

Are you sure?—I can upon reference to my banker's book, see whether I did or not, but whether I gave it to him in bank notes or a cheque, I cannot tell.

Are you sure you paid him the money at all?—Yes.

Did you pay the half of whatever you received?—I paid £. 250 to him, that was my agreement with him.

Had you any receipt or memorandum from him of the money being so paid?—None at all.

How soon after you received the money did you pay him this?—I believe in about a fortnight.

Did you mention it to Mr. Tahourdin that any other person was concerned with you in this transaction?—I did.

And that he was to receive a part of the money?—I did.

Was it agreed between you and Mr. Garratt, that he was to have a half of your commission?—No; he was to have £. 250.

You mentioned having made an application to procure a Writership for Mr. O'Hara?—I did.

To whom was that application made?—To Messrs. Austin and Maunde.

Do you know through what interest that Writership was to be procured?—I do not.

You knew that this Writership was procured for Mr. Magniac?—I did not know the gentleman's name, it was the only transaction I had with Mr. Tahourdin.

How did you know that the transaction to which you have been alluding, was the same Writership that was to have been procured for Mr. O'Hara?—Because I had applied to Messrs. Austin and Maunde before Mr. O'Hara came to England about the Writership for Mr. O'Hara.

What passed about it with them?—They recommended me to Mr. Tahourdin.

Did you make application to Mr. Tahourdin for the Writership on behalf of Mr. O'Hara?—I did; I do not know that Mr. O'Hara's name was particularly mentioned to Mr. Tahourdin, but I believe it was.

What progress did that negotiation make with Mr. Tahourdin?—Mr. Tahourdin said he could procure a Writership, but he would have the money lodged at Messrs. Austin and Maunde's; Mr. O'Hara would not consent to that, and the negotiation ceased.

Did Mr. Tahourdin know that that negotiation had ceased?—Of course he must have known that, because I told him, I believe why, it had ceased.

Mr. J. Donovan.

Was the negotiation to which you have before alluded, and which proved successful, commenced by you after the former was terminated?—Yes, it was.

By a fresh application to you?—To Mr. Tahourdin.

What period elapsed between the termination of the one, and the commencement of the other?—I cannot say, but it could not be long.

Did you ever learn from Messrs. Austin and Maunde, or Mr. Tahourdin, through what interests those Writerships were to be procured?—Never.

Do you know whether Messrs. Austin and Maunde are the bankers of Mr. Tahourdin?—I do not know whether they are, but on this occasion they were; I understood at that period that Messrs. Austin and Maunde were his bankers.

Did Mr. Tahourdin state to you any reason why he objected to Mr. O'Hara's money being lodged in the hands of any other banker, rather than Austin and Maunde?—He only wished to have it lodged in the hands of Messrs. Austin and Maunde.

Did you ever advertise in the paper, the sale of any appointment to India?—It is very possible that I might years back, but not lately.

When was the last transaction of that sort?—I cannot charge my memory.

Since 1796?—It is very possible, but I do not recollect.

Since 1800?—I should suppose I must.

Recollect as nearly as you can, the last of these transactions?—I cannot charge my memory, I never expected to be called upon in this manner, and therefore kept no notes.

Have you seen such advertisements frequently in the newspapers?—Very frequently.

Did you ever act upon such advertisements?—I do not recollect that I have ever acted upon such an advertisement?—I believe I never had any thing to do with any Writership that passed, but this one.

Had you ever any thing to do with any Cadetship, in consequence of an advertisement in the newspaper?—Very possibly I might.

How lately?—The only one that I have had to do with for years, was in the last year.

State the transaction?—A Mr. Kelly I think from Ireland, a clergyman, who was desirous of procuring a Cadetcy for a relation of his to the East Indies; a Cadetcy had been offered to me, but through what channel I do not now recollect; but however the Cadetcy could not be procured for Mr. Kelly, he became very importunate, and the Cadetcy was ultimately procured through a person of the name of Scott, I believe a Taylor in Pall Mall.

To what station was that Cadet appointed?—I cannot say; it was either Madras or Bengal, I believe, but which I do not know.

What was the consideration given for that Cadetship?—As far as I can recollect it was £.200, or guineas.

To whom did you pay that money?—I neither received nor paid it; I introduced Mr. Kelly by note or otherwise to Mr. Scott, and they settled the money transactions between themselves, I believe it was paid to Scott.

What compensation did you receive for your share in that transaction?—I received £.10.

From whom?—I think from a person of the name of Southcomb.

Who is he, and where does he live?—In Southampton buildings, Chancery Lane; but the number I do not know.

What is he?—I believe he is a Broker.

Is that the only transaction of a Cadetship in which you have ever been engaged?—No; certainly not.

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By whom was a Cadetship offered to you?—I do not recollect who offered it to me *Mr. J. Donovan.* now; I cannot charge my memory who it was offered it to me, but I presume it was some of the Brokers who are in the habit of offering them.

It was not any Person connected with the India House?—I do not know any one person connected with the India House, who is connected with any Writership, or any Cadetcy, or any thing of the kind.

Then it must have been some broker?—I think it must have been.

Who was the person appointed a Cadet?—I do not know, it was a nephew of Mr. Kelly, but what his name is, I do not recollect.

Are you sure it was a nephew of Mr. Kelly?—No further than Mr. Kelly informed me.

Do you recollect any application to any friend of yours for a Cadetship?—About a month past, a Mr. Maltby of Fishmongers Hall, offered me a Cadetcy for £.150, he has called repeatedly upon me to know whether I had got any person that would take it; I had not any application for such a thing, and consequently there ended that proposal.

Where does Mr. Kelly live?—I do not know, he lodged in a street out of Bond Street, whether Lower Brook Street, or Lower Grosvenor Street I do not know; he came over from Ireland, as I understood, for the express purpose of passing this gentleman to India; he so informed me.

Did Mr. Maltby inform you by what interest he expected to obtain this Cadetship?—No, he did not, I never asked him.

State some other transactions respecting the sale of a Cadetship to India, in which you have been engaged?—I do not recollect for years past, that I have had any thing to do with passing a Cadet to India.

How many years is it since you have had any transaction of that sort?—I suppose four years.

State the last transaction you recollect?—I cannot charge my memory with these things, if I could, I certainly would answer without any reserve.

State the last transaction of the sort in which you have been engaged?—I have stated the last transaction to be that of Mr. Maltby's.

State the last preceding that?—I cannot charge my memory with any transaction. I recollect about four years ago, something about passing a Cadet to India, by some direct or indirect means, but I do not recollect the gentleman's name, nor the transaction.

Do you recollect no particulars respecting that transaction?—I cannot call any to my mind.

State all the particulars you can recollect respecting that transaction?—I recollect that I had something to do with a Cadetcy; but I declare to God I cannot recollect the particulars.

Have you any memorandum at home that would assist you?—None whatever; but perhaps by enquiry among my connections I may find, and I will ascertain it if I can.

In these transactions, what enquiry do you make respecting the character or qualifications of the purchaser?—I make none; but they are brought to me, and I suppose all these circumstances will be enquired into at the India House; the persons are generally persons of respectability who pass for these situations; the Rev. Mr. Kelly's nephew, I suppose, would be a very respectable man.

You only take care that the money is secure?—I only introduce the parties, that is a matter between the person having the Appointment to dispose of, and the person receiving it.

Do you know the names and places of residence of any brokers who are in the habit of being concerned in transactions of this kind?—I know the name of Southcomb, I know the name of Garratt and Davis, I think, No. 10 Northumberland Street, but with whom I have had nothing to do; there are a number of brokers advertising perpetually, but with whom I have had nothing to do.

Mr. J. Donovan.

What particular line of business do you follow?—I followed the profession of a surgeon, till my wound prevented my following that profession; I was confined sixteen weeks, my wound is in such a state, that I am not certain any two days of being capable of going out of doors; I lost all my practice as a Surgeon in consequence, for I am very frequently confined two or three or four days in a month; I then perchance was led occasionally into this kind of business, I did not think it dishonourable, nor disreputable, being in that situation at the time.

In this line of business which you pursue, do you not keep books or papers?—No, I do not; it is very seldom that such a thing occurs; perhaps two or three in a year occur; I only introduce the parties together, and I pledge my word of honour I do not recollect the name of the young gentleman in this case, nor the gentleman who was his friend, except that he lived in Fitzroy-square.

Do you know in whose patronage that Cadetcy was which you obtained for the nephew of Mr. Kelly?—No.

Have you any means of ascertaining that?—No; Mr. Scott negotiated the business with Mr. Kelly; I know nothing more of the transaction, further than that I recollect I received £.10.

In what other transactions relating to Appointments in India have you been connected with Mr. Garratt?—I have not passed any thing; Mr. Garratt has proposed many things to me; I made enquiries, but we did not succeed, nor have I had the names of any persons.

Are you positive that this is the only transaction in which you were concerned with Mr. Garrett, relating to Appointments to the East Indies?—I believe it is the only one I ever succeeded in.

Is it the only one on account of which you or Mr. Garratt have received any money?—I believe it is.

Endeavour to recollect?—I do not recollect any other transaction Mr. Garratt and I had.

Have you no books in which your pecuniary transactions are inserted?—None.

EMPEROR JOHN ALEXANDER WOODFORD, Esq.

Mr. Woodford.

Can you give the Committee any account of the other Writership which was alluded to yesterday?—Mr. Gardiner, about five years since, applied to me for a Writership for his nephew, who was son to one of the first in Council in some of the East India Presidencies, which I do not recollect; I, in consequence, applied to Mr. Thelluson, and, about the time he complied with my request, this young man died of a consumption; Mr. Gardiner applied to me to have the name changed, which I did; I do not recollect what that name was, nor any of the circumstances of the gentleman.

Did you receive any pecuniary reward in consequence?—None.

Had you the expectation or promise of any?—None.

Or of any benefit?—None.

Do you recollect any Cadetships?—I have recollected two.

State the circumstances of them.—One of them was for a Mr. Hewitt, that might be five years ago; I have no circumstances to state; I asked Mr. Thelluson for the appointment for the young man, and got it for him.

Was Mr. Hewitt a friend of yours?—He was a son of my neighbour at Vauxhall.

Have you received any money or benefit in consequence of that appointment?—None at all.

What was the other appointment?—It was for Mr. Hoby.

How long ago?—I should think about eighteen months ago.

Is Mr. Hoby a friend of your's?—No, I cannot say he is a friend of mine. I know who he is, and was willing to oblige him.

On what account were you desirous of obtaining the appointment for him?—A Mr. Crout, who is a very old friend of mine asked me for it, for him.

Is Mr. Hoby a relation of Mr. Crout's?—I do not believe he is.

Do you know what reason he had to interest himself in regard to Mr. Hoby's appointment?—

pointment?—Only friendship; I am certain that no money was to be taken; for I *Mr. Woodford.* asked the question whether any money was to be taken, and he said no.

Did you receive any money, or derive any benefit from that appointment?—None at all; and I do not believe that any was derived whatever. I beg that this may not be stated to be all the Cadetships that I ever asked for in the number of years that Mr. George Thellusson and I have lived together, and the facility which may perhaps be highly blameable in such circumstances; I may have asked for others, but certainly received no pecuniary retribution for any.

Do you know what money was received by Mr. Tahourdin for the appointment of Mr. Gardiner?—No; I do not.

What bargain was made between yourself and Mr. Tahourdin respecting that Writership?—I desired him to get what he could for it; I fixed no particular sum; first of all he said he could get £.3,500 for it; I said, if a proper person offers, I have no objection to taking that sum.

What was he to do for you in consequence?—Nothing.

Was Mr. Tahourdin to do nothing for you in consequence of receiving that appointment which you gave him liberty to sell for what he could get for it?—Mr. Tahourdin was to give me a Living; to put in my disposal a Living.

At what time was he to put that into your disposal?—At some time within fifteen or eighteen months; I did not bargain for any particular time.

Did you state to him to whom you intended to give that Living?—No, I did not.

Did you see Mrs. Gardiner upon the subject of that appointment?—No; I knew nothing of the persons concerned; I had no knowledge that he did take any money from that; I might infer from previous transactions that he did.

What did you suppose to be his inducement to get you this Living, but the receipt of some money?—I supposed he might have some objects of his own in view, and that money might be one; it was impossible for me to say that was the only object he had in view.

What is Mr. Hoby's profession?—I do not know.

He is not a shoe-maker in Saint James Street?—No.

You stated yesterday that you received three thousand guineas for the appointment of Mr. Magniac, of which you allowed Mr. Tahourdin to receive the odd £.150 for his own benefit; did Mr. Tahourdin ever mention to you that that Writership was in fact sold for a larger sum?—No; nor had I any reason to suppose that it had; I did not consider Mr. Tahourdin as a common dealer in these things.

You yesterday mentioned a person of the name of Budd for whom you obtained a Cadetship; do you recollect any circumstances respecting that?—The brother of Mr. Budd, is one of the solicitors in the Trust Cause, and I have been of service to all his family, I know his family intimately.

Do you know that Mr. Gardiner was at one time appointed as a Writer to Ceylon?—I never heard of such a circumstance.

You do not know that any change was effected between Mr. Gardiner and Mr. Greenlade?—No.

From whom did you obtain the promise of the Ceylon Writership?—This is rather a complicated answer; Lord Castlereagh was so good as to give the Appointment to Mr. Greenlade.

Relate the circumstances respecting that?—Mr. Windham was so good as to give at my solicitation a Writership for Ceylon, to a young man depending upon me, of the name of Austin: it was not thought expedient for him to proceed to Ceylon, and I endeavoured to obtain some establishment for him in this Country; I failed in that object, I got leave for him to resign his Ceylon Writership, in favour of Mr. Greenlade, that I got from Lord Castlereagh. As Mr. Windham's name has been mentioned, I think it right to state further that Mr. Windham sent for me to day, to ask if in any of those transactions I had ever made use of his name; I certainly never did, and I certainly never could have any reason for so doing; I never knew of any object Mr. Windham could have, nor never supposed he had any relative to the East Indies.

Mr. Austin's name was the only name given in to Mr. Windham?—The only name.

GEORGE WOODFORD THELLUSSON, Esq.

G. W. Thellusson,
Esq.

Inform the Committee what led you to communicate to the Directors any thing relative to the appointment to the Cadetship belonging to Mr. Robinson?—I believe it was somewhere about three weeks ago, I cannot recollect the day, I called at a friend's house in the city (Mr. Battye) and conversing upon other matters, as I was going away, he said, "I thought I had something to say to you, now I recollect it." I returned back, and his words, as far as I can recollect; were, "I wish you Gentlemen Directors would be a little more careful of the distribution of your Patronage; not that I conceive that any is sold by the Directors, but I know of a Cadetship that has lately been sold, and for which a large sum of money was given." I asked him what and how, and he told me, "I know that £. 500. has been given for it." I told him I believed he was wrong informed, because the utmost I had ever heard of these things going for was £. 300. and he must be mistaken. He told me no, he was not; that he knew the person, and knew the young man's name. I asked him if he would allow me to mention this to my brother Directors. He seemed a little desirous that I should not, stating, that he knew that the young man might be turned out of his situation if he did. I told him that it was a matter of very serious consequence to the Directors, and that really I would do as far as I could, if the young man was turned out of the situation, I would see, by communicating to my brother Directors, to give him a nomination of my own, so that it might be made known. Upon that, he went with me to the India House; and as we went along, I asked him to what presidency it was, and he told me, to Madras. I was struck with this, and said, It is a very astonishing thing, I have just been written to by my friend Mr. Robinson, to exchange with him a Madras Cadetship for a Bengal, as I was the only person who had a nomination left of this year. I said, it will be a very surprising thing if it should turn out to be my nomination. He went with me to the India House, and I said I was a little alarmed about it, and he must give me the name, which he did; and I went into the Cadet's Office, and examined the book for this person's name. I found it, and it was upon Mr. Robinson's own nomination. I then went out to Mr. Battye, and begged of him to allow me to introduce him to Mr. Robinson, and that we might communicate with him, for I was sure he was as innocent a man as could possibly be; that he knew nothing of it. After some little persuasion, he went with me, and I called Mr. Robinson out into another room, and told him the whole business. He immediately said, "that Cadetship I gave to Mr. Morland the Banker. I said some steps should be taken, Robinson, I am sure you think with me, and we called another Director out, Mr. Cotton. It was settled that Mr. Robinson should go to Mr. Morland and make every inquiry, and that we would make it as public to the Court as we could. That is the circumstance that led, as far I can state, to the business. I know there have been several meetings at the Court since, but nothing which I can know of, as not being a Director now.

There is that sort of power, that if a person is found purchasing a Cadetship, he may be removed?—He is dismissed the service; and it was upon that idea that I said, provided he would come forward and state it to the Court, he should have a nomination of mine, and I would see that he should get passed, though not upon that nomination, but one really and bona fide.

Mr. JOHN JONES.

Mr. Jones.

Did you give to Mr. Stoughton a Cadet's nomination for his son?—Yes.

At what time?—I believe it was in January, the beginning of January, that I took his son to the India House.

In whose appointment was that Cadetship?—Mr. Robinson's.

Did Mr. Robinson give it to you?—No; Mr. Morland gave it to me; Mr. Robinson gave it to Mr. Morland. I took the young man to Mr. Robinson.

On what account did Mr. Morland give it to you?—Merely as an act of friendship. I have known Mr. Morland a great many years; he has done me several acts of friendship.

Was there any consideration given or to be given to Mr. Morland for this appointment?—None whatever ever thought of.

Has

Has he given to you any other patronage relating to the East India Company?—
Never; I have known him 14 or 15 years.

Mr. Jones.

Is Mr. Stoughton particularly known to you?—I know his family well.

What were you to receive from Mr. Stoughton for giving this appointment to his son?—Mr. Stoughton was to use his influence to obtain a situation for a nephew of mine.

What situation was he to obtain for your nephew?—I wished if possible to get a Cadetship at Woolwich, if not something at home; I did not wish my nephew to go to the East Indies, that was the reason I wished to exchange it for something at home.

Has that Cadetship at Woolwich been yet given?—No, I am in hopes of it, Mr. Stoughton has promised me upon his word and honour to exert all his interest to procure it for me; and if he fails in that, to endeavour to get some home appointment: he has a good deal of interest, I believe.

Do you know through whom he is to obtain this appointment at Woolwich?—No, I do not.

Did he not mention what interest he had?—He might mention what interest he had, he is very well related; I think I recollect hearing the name of Lord Castlecoote, that he would use his interest for his son; but whether he was to procure this situation for me I do not know.

Was this engagement reduced to a memorandum or any writing?—No, I depended upon his word of honour.

Are you sure that no written memorandum was made of it?—No.

Neither by yourself nor Mr. Stoughton?—No, no writing to my knowledge passed between us; I had a meeting with Mr. Stoughton's father, he was the person that I did it with.

Was your conversation upon this subject with Mr. Stoughton in the presence of Mr. Morland or any friend of yours?—No, Mr. Morland never saw us together, that I know of, in my life.

Did Mr. Morland know that the appointment which he gave to you was to be exchanged?—Mr. Morland gave it to me unshackled. On Mr. Robinson making some inquiries, I told him in confidence to tell Mr. Robinson, to convince him that I had not made an improper use of it; and I voluntarily wrote a letter to Mr. Robinson, saying that I had no objection to appear before the Committee at the India House, and I did appear, and communicated all I knew.

How long ago was it you communicated this circumstance to Mr. Robinson?—I really cannot exactly say, but I should think somewhere about three weeks ago; it was when Mr. Robinson called upon Mr. Morland, and after he had heard it had been improperly obtained: my letter to Mr. Robinson would pretty well explain that, wherein I said I was ready to appear before the Committee.

In case Mr. Stoughton should fail in obtaining any appointment for your nephew, should you hold him engaged to you to make any compensation?—No, not in money; I expect him to exert all his interest for me, and to assist me in any thing in his power: the fact is, my nephew was not of a proper age for this Cadetcy, and it suited his son, for his son was too old to go to Woolwich.

Should you not consider him bound to make some recompence to you, in case he fails in doing it in the way of interest?—None; I consider as a man of honour he is to exert his interest till he obtains something for me; I know his family and connections, and have no doubt that if he does exert himself he will obtain something.

How long have you known Mr. Stoughton?—I have known him personally but a short time, but I have known his family for some years.

How long have you known Mr. Stoughton himself?—I never saw Mr. Stoughton till this transaction, he was introduced to me.

Had you sufficient confidence in a person who was thus newly introduced to you, to trust entirely to his word, with regard to his ability and disposition to procure an

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appointment for your nephew?—I certainly had, from knowing him to be a gentleman, and having his word of honour, I considered it would be impossible for him to fly from it. I should consider myself just the same as if I had won a sum of money of him at play, I must then have trusted to his honour.

Has Mr. Stoughton junior sailed for India?—I do not know; I have not seen the young man since the day I took him to the India House.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Shee?—It was Mr. Shee introduced me to Mr. Stoughton.

What is Mr. Shee?—A broker in all sorts of exchanges.

Where does he live?—I went to him in Great Marybone-street, I think N° 51; it was at a taylor's, I think, he lodged.

Has your acquaintance with Mr. Shee been long?—No, I have no acquaintance with Mr. Shee more than going to him as a broker, to say that I wished to exchange an appointment I had abroad for one at home.

Who recommended Mr. Shee to you?—Nobody in particular, he is well known; he advertises; he is well enough known to do a great deal of business in that way.

Was this your first transaction with Mr. Shee?—Yes.

You were in the Horse Guards?—I was in the Life Guards near five years.

In what situation of life is Mr. Stoughton?—A man of very good fortune; it was knowing his connections and respectability that I had no doubt: he is father-in-law to Mr. Hanbury Tracey; he lives at Bath now.

You saw him in London at the time of this transaction?—Yes; I insisted upon doing it with the principal.

Mr. Shee introduced you to Mr. Stoughton?—Yes.

He brought you acquainted together?—Yes.

What did you give Mr. Shee for this?—I have given him nothing: Mr. Shee wanted a thing of this sort for a person; I did my own business, and did not feel myself obliged to give him any thing in fact; there was an advertisement somewhere about the time, that a Cadetship was wanted by a person that did all sorts of exchanges: knowing that army brokers can do all these sort of things, I thought it no harm to apply, I did not know whether that might lead to any thing, but he introduced me to so respectable a person that it went on.

You answered the advertisement, but did not advertise yourself?—No, I did not.

Did Mr. Stoughton inform you, that he had given any money to Mr. Shee?—None whatever; I did not understand that he was to give any thing.

Have you any further particulars to add relating to this transaction?—Nothing further that I know of. At the India House I did not answer the question of what it was I expected in return, nor from whom I expected, because I thought, telling them might perhaps prevent my getting the appointment; I did not know whether Mr. Stoughton might like it to be known that his relations were endeavouring to get an appointment, and therefore I did not mention it, as it was not necessary to exculpate myself.

Have you put the Committee in full possession of the whole transaction now?—Every thing that I know.

Mr. ROWLAND MALTBY.

Mr. Maltby.

Have you at any time been engaged in negotiating for any appointments to the East Indies?—Never, except what I alluded to in my examination, upon my once asking Mr. Donovan (whether I asked him or he me I am not certain) whether he wanted a Madras Cadetship; as I knew a person who had mentioned the thing to me, I thought he might obtain it; I was with him respecting some mortgages and other business; it is nearly two months ago; it was merely a conversation.

Is that the only transaction of the kind in which you were ever engaged?—That is the only one, and I hardly call that an engagement, it was merely a question.

Mr. Maltby.

Have any further steps been taken with regard to that transaction, since your examination before the Committee of the House?—Nothing.

Have you any particulars relating to it, to communicate to this Committee, which you forgot or omitted in your examination before the House?—No.

Did not that transaction pass with Mr. Tyndale as well as with Mr. Donovan?—Mr. Tyndale was the person who mentioned the thing to me; he was the person that I alluded to, as having mentioned such a thing; it was through Mr. Tyndale I understood he might have it; Mr. Tyndale had no Patronage himself.

Do you know now whose Patronage it was that Mr. Tyndale was to dispose of?—No, I do not.

Have you had any conversation with Mr. Tyndale upon this subject, since you were examined before the Committee of the whole House?—I have seen Mr. Tyndale; I am not certain that I mentioned this thing to him; I believe I told him I was summoned, but I had no conversation, to the best of my recollection, at all relating to the thing; that I was summoned upon that point in consequence of what I said in the House.

Did you tell Mr. Tyndale you were summoned to attend this Committee?—I think I did.

When did you see Mr. Tyndale last?—I think he called upon me about twelve or one o'clock yesterday.

State the substance of your conversation as far as related to this subject.—I do not recollect that I said any thing to him, except that I was summoned upon the East India Patronage Committee, in consequence of what I said in the House respecting that Madras Cadetship; I do not think any thing else passed.

Did he call upon you for the purpose of discussing with you what had passed in your examination before the House?—I do not think he did; he called upon me when I was reading the newspaper, and he took it up; I said there were a great many things inaccurate there.

How long ago was that?—I believe it was about three days ago, it was the next morning after I was examined in the House.

How often have you seen Mr. Tyndale since you were examined in the House?—I think, twice or three times, I am not certain; my examination was on Monday, he called upon me on Tuesday; I am not quite sure whether I saw him on Wednesday; and he called upon me yesterday; I did not see him for above five minutes, I was engaged in the Court at the Hall.

What is Mr. Tyndale's business?—I do not know; he is a person I believe who acts as an agent in agency in some way or another, I do not know exactly what he calls himself; he communicates things occasionally, as I stated in the House, things that are to be disposed of; I never heard any epithet given to him.

Is he a kind of general broker or agent?—Yes, I think you may call it a sort of broker; but I really do not know what he calls his business.

What business does he transact for you or with you?—Nothing, I have no business with him.

Does he frequently come to inform you of matters of Patronage in different Offices that are to be disposed of?—No; I have often seen him, I frequently come to the west end of the Town, and occasionally he has mentioned these things to me.

Have you business of any other sort with him or he with you?—No; I hope the Committee will not understand that I am a trafficker in these things; the circumstances I mentioned in the House, were merely to oblige Mrs. Clarke, some of her friends who wanted things of this kind, but I never negotiated any one, nor ever received any money for any place: nothing was ever effected through me, though I asked the questions, and attempted it.

Was this Cadetcy, which you mentioned in the House, for the purpose of obliging Mrs.

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Mrs. Clarke?—No, that was not; every thing else was for some friend of hers; this was merely an occasional conversation with Mr. Donovan, upon which nothing was done.

What was the substance of any of your conversations with Mr. Tyndale, relating to your examination in the House?—To the best of my recollection, he called, and there were a vast number of inaccuracies according to the reports in the Paper, I said there was hardly one of them that was correctly stated; we particularly spoke about that part of my evidence which related to my saying, that a certain thing was to be obtained through the interest of the Wellesley family; he said, that that was mistated in the Papers, that I did not state it correctly as reported in the Papers; I could not exactly recollect the words I made use of in the House, but to the best of my recollection, it was, that Mr. Tyndale conjectured or supposed it might be obtained through that medium; he said, that he saw it stated in some Papers, that I had asserted positively that it would be obtained through that interest; I said I am satisfied, to the best of my recollection, I could not have said that, for I knew nothing at all about it but what you told me, says he; if you recollect, I only said, that I surmised it; and he told me also, that he had written a letter to Sir Arthur Wellesley, a copy of which he shewed me, in order to explain that. That is all the conversation that I had with him.

What was that appointment which you understood was to be obtained through the Wellesley interest?—The same that I mentioned in the House, Assistant Commissary.

Have you seen Mr. Donovan since your examination before the House?—No, I have not.

MR. WILLIAM SCOTT.

Mr. Scott.

How long have you been acquainted with Mr. Donovan?—I have not been acquainted with him at all.

Have you no acquaintance with Mr. Donovan at all?—I have seen him once or twice, I never spoke to him above once in my life.

Upon what occasion did you speak to Mr. Donovan?—On the appointment of a Cadetcy for Bombay, afterwards exchanged for Bengal.

At what time was that?—I think in March or April last, but I cannot be sure; it was either the one or the other.

State the substance of what passed in your conversation with Mr. Donovan upon that subject.—I had no conversation with him at all.

Did your communication pass in writing?—I will tell you all the circumstances: I applied to Sir Theophilus Metcalfe for an appointment for a relation of mine, who was coming from Scotland; he did come, and I found him so unequal to my expectations, that he could not be presented, either for his manners, his education, or for his appearance, every thing was against him; in consequence of that, I thought as Sir Theophilus had given me the appointment, I considered it was a pity I should lose the money I could get for it, and I waited upon a gentleman at No. 10, Marybone-street, whose name I do not recollect at this moment, he was then at Bath, but there was a person in the house, who was then in bed, who I was told could answer, and would answer for him; that gentleman's name was Brown. When Mr. Brown was called out of bed respecting this business, he told me his friend was at Bath, and it would be some time before he could hear from him; he said there was a friend of his, who had been applying for a Cadetship for a young gentleman of the name of Kelly, and that they would be very glad to treat with me upon that business; in consequence of which Brown went and called upon Donovan; I directly said, I would have nothing to do with Donovan; however Donovan wrote me a note, requesting to know if it could be done in a day or two; I said no, it could not be effected, for at that moment Sir Theophilus could not speak correctly; the fact is, I wanted, after having given up my relation, to insert another name: and, further than that, I had nothing to do with Mr. Donovan.

Was the person who you meant to have found in Marybone-street, of the name of

of Shee?—I do not recollect, it might be so, but I cannot charge my memory with it.

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Did you write to any body at Bath?—No, I did not, that I recollect; I might have written to No. 10, and it might be forwarded to Bath, but I do not recollect writing to Bath.

Your transaction passed through the hands of Mr. Brown, whom you found in bed at No. 10?—Yes.

Do you know where Mr. Brown lives now?—I believe there.

Have you seen Mr. Brown since this transaction?—Two or three times.

Of what kind is your interest with Sir Theophilus Metcalfe?—Nothing more than his goodness to have given me that appointment, upon application.

Do you work for him as a tradesman?—Yes.

You are a tailor?—Yes I am. Sir Theophilus knows nothing, nor never knew any thing of the transaction, further than that this person, whose name I gave in, was still my relation.

At what time did you acquaint him that you were desirous of changing the name?—I never told him that I was desirous of changing the name.

Had you not at first given in the name of your own relation, whom you wished to appoint?—Never; I only asked for the appointment for a relation of mine.

Did you see Mr. Kelly?—Many times.

Was he introduced to you by Mr. Brown?—He was; at least I was desired to call upon him in Grosvenor-street, by Mr. Brown, and Mr. Brown told me Mr. Kelly would expect me there.

Was it a son of Mr. Kelly, who was sent out?—No, a nephew.

Was Mr. Kelly a Clergyman?—Yes.

Do you know whether he resides in England now?—His living is in Ireland.

When was the last time you saw Mr. Kelly?—I suppose in the month of June or July last.

Where did he reside then?—In Grosvenor-street.

When was this appointment made?—Either in March or April, I do not know which.

Were both the Cadetships of Bombay and Bengal in the appointment of Sir Theophilus Metcalfe?—No; it was not Sir Theophilus that changed it.

Who was it that changed it?—Mr. Sutton, I think, but I cannot be sure; there was a person that preferred going to Bombay to Bengal, and my friend preferred Bengal to Bombay, for the local interest he had there.

Who is Mr. Sutton?—I do not know.

Were you introduced to him?—No; I never saw him, that I know of.

Do you know in whose Patronage the Cadetship was that was exchanged for this of Sir Theophilus Metcalfe?—No, I never knew.

What money did you receive for this appointment?—I think £. 150.

Are you not certain?—No, I am not; but I think that was the outside of it.

By whom was that money paid to you?—By Mr. Kelly.

Was any person present when the money was paid?—None.

Do you know what Mr. Brown received?—I believe he received £. 40.; I am not sure, but I think so.

Did he tell you that he received that money?—I paid it to him.

Out of the £. 150.?—No, not out of that.

Out of what money did you pay him £. 40.?—I think I received £. 180. and I paid

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paid him £. 40. out of it; if I was to suffer death I could not tell you the pointed sum, it has escaped my memory.

Have you no memorandum of it?—None upon earth.

Did you pay any money to Mr. Donovan?—None.

Do you know whether he received any money on account of this transaction?—I do not.

Do you know whether Mr. Kelly paid any money to Mr. Brown or Mr. Donovan?—I do not think he paid any to Mr. Brown, and I do not know any thing of Mr. Donovan at all.

Did you at any other time have the gift of any other Patronage from Sir Theophilus Metcalfe?—None at all; my son-in-law is in the service, but I never applied for the appointment, that was his own free gift.

What is his name?—Gilbert Valcotte.

What appointment does he hold under the Company?—He is Cadet under the Company at this moment.

Did he receive his appointment from Sir Theophilus Metcalfe?—Yes.

How long ago?—November 1805.

Was he known to Sir Theophilus?—Yes.

What was he before he was appointed to his Cadetcy?—He was in the Bombay Marine.

Was he recommended to Sir Theophilus by you?—Not by me.

Had he known him abroad?—No; he had known him from a child before I was his father-in-law; he was previous to that a Clerk in the East India House.

How long had he been a clerk in the India House?—About eighteen months.

How long have you resided in London?—Twenty-nine years.

Have you any connections at Abingdon?—None.

Have you been concerned in negotiating at any time, or for any person, any other Patronage under the East India Company?—None.

Are you at all acquainted at Abingdon?—Not the least; I have not a single acquaintance in the country.

You refused to have any thing to do with Donovan; what was your objection to him?—His general character, nothing else.

Had you heard his general character formerly as you have latterly?—Yes, previous to that transaction.

Did not Sir Theophilus Metcalfe desire you not to sell this Cadetcy?—He did not desire me at all; he did not know that there was any difference; he had no second name given, the transaction was solely my own.

You are Sir Theophilus's tailor?—Since that, but not previous to that.

Then he has not paid you any bill since that?—He has paid me a small bill; I am not his general tradesman.

What acquaintance have you with him; when did it commence?—It commenced through Mrs. Scott; he has known my wife when he stood candidate for Maldon.

An election acquaintance was the origin of Sir Theophilus Metcalfe's knowing her?—I imagine so; he was in the habit of visiting my relation's house when he was canvassing for Maldon.

Was any promise made by him to your wife at the time of that election, that you should be employed as his tailor?—He could not at that time, for it was 20 years ago, and I have only been married eight years or thereabout; she was then a married woman, she was then Mrs. Valcotte.

Did you or your wife make any application to serve Sir Theophilus Metcalfe, that you

you might be employed as his tailor in consequence of service performed for him at Maldon?—Never; I never applied to him in any way but for this Cadetship.

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Did you state, at the time of your application for this Cadetship, that your wife or her relations had been serviceable to him at Maldon?—Never.

Were you a stranger to Sir Theophilus Metcalfe at the time you applied for this Cadetship?—No, I was not.

How long ago did you first become acquainted with him?—I suppose eight or nine years ago.

Upon what occasion did you first become acquainted with him?—I cannot charge my memory with what it was, it was nothing particular.

What pretensions had you to ask such a favour of Sir Theophilus Metcalfe?—Nothing more than that he had been so good to my son-in-law.

Did you think, because he had done something for your family already, that that gave you a pretension to ask more?—Yes, I did; it might be presumption, but that was the ground I went upon.

What profession was Mrs. Valcotte at Maldon?—None, she was on a visit there.

Did you say you asked Sir Theophilus Metcalfe for a relation, or generally for any body?—For a relation of mine.

And to this moment you have not informed him that your relation is not appointed to it?—No, I have not.

Do you feel that you have abused the confidence of Sir Theophilus Metcalfe?—Yes, and that is the only thing I regret; I consider that I have used him very ill; and I shall regret it as long as I live.

Did he never inquire of you how you disposed of it?—No, for he never imagined I should do any such thing.

Did you state Mr. Kelly to be your relation?—Yes, I did.

What relation did you state that he was to you?—A nephew.

Did he ask any questions upon that subject?—He did, he asked if he was competent for the situation; and I really understood that he was, from my relations that sent him up.

Had he ever heard you mention the name of Kelly, as a family with which you had relationship?—Never.

You spoke about £. 150.; did you receive £. 150. clear?—I think I did, clear; I think I may stick positively to that.

And you paid £. 40. to negotiators?—Either £. 30. or £. 40. I think it was £. 20 and £. 20. or £. 10. and 20.; it was in two sums, I know.

You received £. 180.?—Yes, and there remained in my hands £. 150. certainly.

You made use of the expression, as if Brown and Donovan were a sort of partners?—I did consider them so; I considered them as connected with the business.

Do you know whether Mr. Brown resides in the same place?—I think he does.

Do you know any thing of Mr. Shee?—No; but I think it was Mr. Shee that I went there about; it is at a grocer's shop on the right hand side out of Wimpole-street, going on to Marybone-lane.

There Brown resided?—Yes, and I believe still resides; I have not been there since that morning; but I have no reason to know he is removed.

Do you know his Christian name?—No.

Does he carry on any trade?—I believe he is in the Stamp Office in Somerset House.

Brown is a man of better character than Donovan?—I do not consider either of them men of good character.

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You preferred him?—Yes, from knowing less of his character; but it is the only transaction of my life that I would ever have any thing to do with either of them.

Mr. JOSEPH TYNDALE.

Mr. Tyndale.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Maltby?—Yes, I am.

How long have you known him?—I fancy a twelvemonth, or thereabouts.

Have you not known him longer than twelve months?—I do not think I have.

What was the occasion of your first acquaintance with him?—I met Mr. Maltby casually at Mr. Robins's, in Bartlett's Buildings, that was the first occasion of my becoming acquainted with him.

What is Mr. Robins?—Mr. Robins was a solicitor, and Assistant Secretary to the Master of the Rolls.

Of what profession are you?—I was a considerable time in the army.

In what regiment?—I was first in the 17th Foot, from thence exchanged to the 17th Dragoons.

Upon what occasion did you quit the army?—I exchanged from the army in the year 1802 or 1803 to half-pay.

Do you remain upon half-pay?—Yes, I do.

What business have you followed since that time?—I have resided in town chiefly; I certainly have attempted to do something in the agency way.

Have you any regular profession which you follow?—No, I have not.

How long have you done any thing in the agency way?—Four or five years.

Have you ever done any thing in the agency way for or with Mr. Maltby?—I never completed any thing with him in my life.

Have you been lately concerned in any transaction with him which is not completed?—To what do you allude; to East India Patronage, I presume.

I asked the question generally.—I have, but I have never completed any thing with him.

What have you been concerned with him in, relating to East India Patronage?—Mr. Maltby asked me if I knew any channel through which I could procure a Cadetcy; I told him I did not know any channel through which I could procure it; but I would make inquiries.

Did you make inquiries?—Nothing further than through the public Papers; there was every day almost something or another in the Papers respecting them.

Do you mean that you advertised for them?—No; but I see advertisements every day.

Did you make any inquiries in consequence of seeing such advertisements?—Yes; seeing A. B. and X. Y. and so on; but I never did any thing myself.

Did you make no inquiries in consequence of seeing those advertisements?—Yes.

What was the result of those inquiries?—I could find nothing satisfactory, and therefore I gave it up.

Of whom did you inquire?—Nothing more than anonymous.

Did you tell Mr. Maltby you could find nothing satisfactory?—Yes; I told him I must give it up, for I found it impracticable to do any thing.

Did you not tell him, you thought you had found one that would suit?—I believe I repeated to him exactly what I have now stated.

Are you sure you did not tell him you had found one which you believed would suit?—I do not recollect ever mentioning any thing of the kind to him.

Are you acquainted with any person who has patronage in the India House?—No, I am not.

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Have you been ever concerned with any person in negotiating any appointments to the East Indies?—I never in my life negotiated any appointment in the East India Company's service; when I say negotiated, I mean so as to pass; I never passed a Writer or a Cadet in my life. *Mr. Tyndale.*

Have you at any time endeavoured to pass persons for either of those appointments?—No, I never could bring any thing at all to issue; I never could effect any thing.

Did you ever receive any money for your endeavours to procure such appointments?—Never in my life.

Did you mention to Mr. Maltby, that you had any hopes of succeeding through the interest of the Wellesley family?—For Cadets, never.

For any other appointment?—Never, to my recollection; Mr. Maltby never applied to me on any other occasion than the one I have alluded to.

Had you no other conversation with Mr. Maltby, respecting any other appointment under the East India Company?—Not that I recollect; certainly not.

Do you know Mr. Shee?—No, I do not.

Do you know Mr. Brown?—I believe there is such a person; I never spoke to him in my life.

Do you know Mr. Donovan?—Yes, I have seen Mr. Donovan several times.

Had you any transactions at any time with Mr. Donovan, relating to appointments to the East Indies?—I might have mentioned something casually to him; but I never had such a thing as money lodged, or any thing of that sort, only something in conversation.

You do not know Mr. Shee?—I have seen his person.

Do you know where Mr. Shee lives?—No, I have heard he lives in the Rules; but he was not a man that I ever wished to have any intercourse with.

Do you know Mr. Tahourdin?—No.

Do you know Mr. Davies?—Yes, I do.

Where does he live?—In Northumberland-street.

What is his business or profession?—I believe agency in general.

Had you ever any transactions with him, relating to appointments under the East India Company?—I never had any money lodged with him, nothing more than I have described as to Mr. Donovan, general conversation; we never proceeded to accomplish any business.

DANIEL BEALE, Esq.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Donovan?—He was introduced to me about thirteen or fourteen months since. *D. Beale, Esq.*

By whom?—By a person whose name I think was Garratt.

What is your acquaintance with Garratt?—May I be allowed to diverge a little from that question, to relate the circumstances which have introduced me to this transaction. A very particular friend of mine had educated one of six sons very expensively and liberally, flattering himself that at some time or other he might be enabled to procure an appointment in the Honourable Company's Service for the young man; in this expectation he was disappointed, and I saw my friend evidently under a great depression of spirits, arising from the circumstance of his having permitted his son to devote three years of his life to a study which would be of very little avail to him in the common pursuits of life, should he establish him in this country. I had frequently observed advertisements in the public papers, that tended in my opinion to the offering for sale appointments in the Honourable Company's Service; to one of those advertisements I replied; the result of the application was, that Mr. Garratt called upon me at my house in Fitzroy-square. Upon receiving his card, I was sitting in my drawing-room; I descended into the dining parlour, and there I recognized in Mr. Garratt a person that I had seen before; I had seen him before, in consequence of re-
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plying to a similar advertisement some three weeks previous. The result of my first communication was a confirmation of my conjecture, that he had an appointment to a Writership to sell, and which he offered to me. I entered into a treaty with him for the purchase of it; we agreed for the price of 3,500 guineas, provided it was upon the Bengal establishment. Mr. Garratt did not seem at all conversant with the thing that he had to dispose of; it appeared to me to be a thing that he never had had a concern in before. A subsequent meeting was appointed with Mr. Garratt, in which he was to tell more of the matter; I met him subsequently; that meeting, the particulars of which I cannot exactly call to mind, which was merely to have the thing confirmed to me, that it was a Writership, produced a third appointment, and the third meeting between Mr. Garratt and myself took place at the coffee-house in Saint James's-street. I think on my meeting him at the Saint James's-street Coffee-house, he informed me that the Writership was to be had, but that he did not see the advantage that was to result to him for his negotiation, or words to that effect; I remonstrated with him for trifling with me, and told him it was not from me he was to expect any remuneration, it was from the person that employed him, for that I had agreed for the price of the thing, which price I was ready to comply with; it ended, that we parted, certainly on my part, with considerable disgust, therefore I was not a little surprised, on my reply to a second advertisement, to find that the person who replied to it was Mr. Garratt. The second advertisement, I should observe, was couched in terms somewhat different from the first, but they still implied the same sort of thing to be sold. Upon my descending into the dining-room, and finding it was Mr. Garratt, with whom I had formerly negotiated, I found I had nothing more to do than to resume precisely where I left off. The result of this communication with Mr. Garratt produced to me the honour of a visit from Mr. Donovan, accompanied by Mr. Garratt. The object of Mr. Donovan's visit (he seemed to be a secret actor, if I may so term it, the second person to whom I was introduced in this stage of the business) I believe his visit was to ascertain the solidity of the offer that was made to him, I could never account for any other reason on the part of Mr. Donovan. I must observe, that in the statement I am now giving, I am giving it merely from memory, and never having made any memorandum, I have no memorandum existing, but one, which I shall produce hereafter. I do not think that I ever saw Mr. Donovan above two or three times; the result I think of this visit of his was to ascertain that I was ready to deposit the money, the consideration to be paid; and I think I called on Mr. Donovan at the day appointed, and took him in my chariot to Austin, Maunde and Company, my bankers, in Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.

Did you deposit your money at Austin and Maunde's?—I was introduced into a back room at Austin, Maunde, and Company's, where I think a gentleman was introduced to me of the name of Tahourdin, whom I had never seen before.

What passed at that time?—I should be very sorry if my memory was treacherous in any thing I was going to say, but, to the best of my recollection, the money was not deposited at that time, for I was anxious to guard myself not to deposit the money, without having the thing that I was in the contemplation of purchasing; we could not agree exactly on the mode of depositing the money, so that I should retain my lien upon it. I think I proposed that the money should be deposited, and remain so deposited till the young gentleman had received the appointment, and had failed.

In what names was it to be deposited?—It was proposed, I think by myself, to be in the joint names of Mr. Tahourdin and myself. I think at this meeting the money was not deposited. To the best of my recollection, at a subsequent meeting with Mr. Tahourdin at the Banker's, after a great deal of argument upon the point, the money was deposited in the names of Mr. Tahourdin and myself, and was to remain there for a period, I really do not recollect how long, I think it was six months; I got angry about the business, and I said I wish it to be deposited in such a way, that if the business goes off I may receive my money; and Mr. Tahourdin wished to have a time to effect the business, I think the period of six months.

How long did the money remain deposited?—The Bankers, I think, gave a receipt, which was upon a regular stamp, for the amount, expressing that if the money was not handed over to Mr. Tahourdin by our joint cheque, that at the expiration of the period of six months I was to resume it again. In consequence of that agreement I gave them a draft upon my own Bankers: and this is the only memorandum I have of the transaction.

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[Mr. Beale delivered in a draft for £. 3,675. dated 8th February 1808.]

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What became of that money?—To the best of my recollection, I was waited upon by Mr. Tahourdin, at my house in Fitzroy-square, and I think I received from him a letter which was to introduce my young friend to the East India House. He ultimately received his appointment, and being satisfied that the thing was confirmed beyond a doubt, I accompanied Mr. Tahourdin to Austin, Maunde, and Company's, the bankers, gave up my receipt, and I saw them pay the money to Mr. Tahourdin; how he appropriated it I have no knowledge whatever, never having asked him.

Have you any knowledge what share Mr. Donovan or Mr. Garratt was to receive out of this?—I have no knowledge; but I think I stated in the early part of my narrative, that my first negotiation with Mr. Garratt went off, because he did not see the advantage that was to accrue to him from the negotiation on his part: he subsequently told me, that the reason of his breaking off the negotiation was because they would not give him what he termed the shillings.

Have you reason to believe that the first appointment, concerning which you conversed with Mr. Garratt, was the same with that which you subsequently bought?—Mr. Garratt said not; but certainly the impression on my mind since has been, that it was the only appointment for which Mr. Garratt was negotiating. He certainly said it was not.

Did Garratt ever mention to you, whether the other was sold, or what became of it?—No, he never did, I never made the inquiry; he said subsequently it was a different thing, for I could not help expressing some kind of surprise that he should come to me again, after having so grossly trifled.

Was Mr. Donovan present when the money was paid to Mr. Tahourdin?—I rather think not, but at this period I cannot possibly charge my memory; my communication with Mr. Donovan was very little; I never saw Mr. Garratt after Mr. Donovan was introduced.

After Mr. Tahourdin came into the transaction, your communication was principally with him? Yes.

Have you had any subsequent transactions with Mr. Donovan?—Never; nor never saw him, to my knowledge.

Or with Mr. Tahourdin?—I once met Mr. Tahourdin in crossing Bloomsbury-square, and then it was merely a polite recognition; I believe we parted perfectly satisfied with each other; he had performed his part and I mine.

Did you know, at the time you were in treaty with Mr. Tahourdin, in whose patronage this was?—No, I never asked, nor he never informed me.

Do you know who sold it?—To this moment I do not know. As to Writerships, they used to be advertised in the papers very generally, they were things at market, they were generally couched “high civil appointments for young men properly qualified.”

Did you ever buy one before?—No.

Did you ever know any one who did?—No; I have been long conversant in the East India Company's service; I have often heard of their being to be sold, and at length applied, and was confirmed by succeeding.

Have you been in the Company's service?—I have been four voyages in the Company's service; my first voyage to Madras and China was in 1776.

Recollect whether this is the only transaction within your own knowledge of any bargain or sale relating to any appointment in the Company's service?—Within my own knowledge, this is the only one; for I never was interested in procuring any appointment for any person whatever, but for this young gentleman.

Was Mr. Fry Magniac the person appointed?—He was; but I have been extremely desirous that his name should be concealed, because he was a young man of pure and unspotted morals, and went out of this country without knowing the channel through which the appointment was obtained, and he believes to this moment that he was indebted to me for it; he had been studying three years under one of the most eminent Professors at Oxford; it never was communicated to him the manner in which

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which I obtained it; he conceived it was gratuitously, and that I advanced the money myself.

Is he a relation of yours?—He is not; he is the son of my most intimate friend.

Has any part of the money been repaid to you?—Never.

Do you expect repayment from any person?—That has never been a question; I consider it as a debt of honour, and that will be repaid to me.

Who was the Professor at Oxford under whom he studied?—Dr. Moseley, he was under him three years.

What is the Professor of?—I believe of Oriental languages.

At what time did you first know in whose Patronage this Writership was?—I should conceive that the knowledge was conveyed to me by the letter that I received from Mr. Tahourdin, which introduced the young man at the East India House; he was introduced to Mr. Thelluffon.

Had you any conversation with Mr. Thelluffon?—Never in my life; I do not know him; I know personally many of the Directors in the East India Company's service, but I do not, to my recollection, think I ever saw Mr. Thelluffon.

By whom was Mr. Fry Magniac introduced to Mr. Thelluffon?—By his father.

Did any body accompany them?—His father accompanied Mr. Fry Magniac to the East India House, and I think he said to Mr. Thelluffon; he had a letter to deliver, which the young man delivered.

Do you know from whom that letter was?—I do not; I received the letter from Mr. Tahourdin.

MR. THOMAS SOUTHCOMB.

Mr. Southcomb.

Of what profession are you?—I was a merchant, but I have lost about £.120,000. and a part of my property is now in America.

What business do you follow now?—Any little thing to get a livelihood, till my matters are wound up.

Are you employed in the agency way?—No.

In the way of a broker?—No; I have a great many friends in different parts of the country, having lived 35 years in London; and having purchased a great quantity of goods at the India House, persons frequently write to me.

Have you ever negotiated any appointment?—I have recommended persons, where a gentleman has made me a present of 5 or ten guineas; but mostly what I recommend is the selling shirts and stockings to gentlemen going abroad.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Donovan?—I am.

How long have you been acquainted with Mr. Donovan?—I believe, about 12 or 18 months.

What was the first occasion of your acquaintance with Mr. Donovan?—I had an application for a Cadetcy for Mr. Kelly of Ireland.

How long ago is that?—I believe about twelve months.

Who made that application to you?—Mr. Kelly himself wrote from Bath; I believe Captain Wilson told him I could procure it.

Did you know Mr. Kelly before?—No; it was Captain Wilson recommended him to me.

What did Mr. Kelly write to you about?—He said that he should be glad to get his nephew out to India as a Cadet.

What did you do in consequence of that?—I wrote to one of the Directors, and also made application among persons in the City acquainted with the India business.

Who were the persons in particular to whom you applied in the City?—I asked Mr.

Mr. Blachford of Lombard-street, who does a good deal in that way, and Mr. Henderson, and three or four others. *Mr. Southcomb.*

Where does Mr. Henderson live?—He is a stock-broker, he is a good deal with Mr. Blachford.

Do you know where he lives?—I believe somewhere at Kennington, Kennington-lane.

What did they tell you?—He asked if I knew any Director, I told him I knew them almost all, but not so well as to ask them any favour; I wrote to Sir Francis Baring, being a countryman of mine, a Devonshire man; but he did not give me any answer.

Did you take any other steps after this?—Yes, I applied to a number of gentlemen; it was two or three months afterwards before I got it; I believe Mr. Scott, the tailor and clothier in Pall-Mall, got it at last.

Did you apply to Mr. Scott?—No, I did not.

To whom did you apply; through whom was this done?—I applied to Mr. Donovan, and I believe he got somebody to speak to Scott.

Was that your first acquaintance with Mr. Donovan?—I do not know that I ever was acquainted with Mr. Donovan before.

By whom were you introduced to Mr. Donovan?—Mr. Henderson in the City told me Mr. Donovan was in the habit of these things.

Did you go to Mr. Donovan, in consequence of being told so by Mr. Henderson?—Yes, I believe I did.

What passed between you and Mr. Donovan?—I asked Mr. Donovan if he could get a Cadetship for Mr. Kelly, who was a very respectable man, and came all the way from Ireland; he said he would endeavour to do it.

How soon after that did he acquaint you he could procure the appointment?—It might be a fortnight or three weeks; but Mr. Kelly went to him himself, for I told Mr. Kelly I was disappointed; and I had made every inquiry, I had written to Sir Francis Baring and got no answer; I knew nothing of Mr. Scott; I went to Mr. Scott, and told him I expected to serve Mr. Kelly with calico shirts and cravats at going out, because he promised me.

Did you recommend or introduce Mr. Donovan to Mr. Kelly?—I believe I mentioned Mr. Donovan's name to Mr. Kelly.

What benefit did you derive from this transaction?—Mr. Kelly said that I had had a great deal of trouble: I had the gout, and was obliged to have a coach: he made me a present of ten guineas or ten pounds for my trouble for two or three months, and he paid me for the shirts and cravats and things he had for his nephew: that was my principal motive to get it.

Did he promise you should have the supply of the young man?—Yes, so far as the shirts and cravats went.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Maltby?—No; I have heard of him by name, but do not know him; I am not at all in that way; I have lived in London 35 years, and am well known.

Do you know Mr. Shee?—No, only by name.

Mr. Browne?—No.

Mr. Davis?—No.

Have you at any time been concerned in any other transaction relating to appointments to India?—No, I do not recollect any; I have recommended a great number; perhaps I have been applied to an hundred times by gentlemen in the country, and I would recommend them if I could.

Have you at any time been successful in your recommendations?—No, I never had an appointment from a Director in my life, I did not know how they were obtained.

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Neither for a Writership, nor a Cadetship?—No.

Did you ever receive money for your trouble in transacting any appointment to the East Indies?—No; but perhaps if I had had a great deal of trouble, a gentleman has made me a present of five or ten guineas: putting it all together, I never got more than forty pounds, indeed I did not want it: I have lost £. 120,000.

Do you know from what Director this appointment was to be obtained?—No, it was Mr. Scott who got it; I never spoke to Mr. Scott, but about serving Mr. Kelly with shirts.

What acquaintance have you with Captain Wilson?—I dine with him frequently; he is Captain of Marines on board the Hero man of war.

Do you know why he applied to you in particular?—I believe he only recommended: “If you want a thing in that way, Mr. Southcomb is well acquainted with East India business.” I have laid out many thousand pounds at the India House.

Have you ever transacted any business of this sort for Captain Wilson?—No, nor I do not think he ever transacted any business of this kind.

Did he know of your having transacted any business of this kind for any other person?—I do not know that he did; he knew that I had universal acquaintance in the city and at the west end of the town.

You say, you never obtained any employment from a Director; did you ever obtain any employment through the interest of another person?—No, no further than recommending people, and pointing out to gentlemen, who wrote to me from the country, where they might apply.

Were there any intermediate means through which you ever got an employment?—No, none further than directing those persons to apply for places.

When you recommended to gentlemen to apply for places, did they make you any compliment for your trouble?—They did; if I had taken a great deal of trouble, they might make me a present of five or six guineas.

If it was successful?—They would give me perhaps five or ten guineas.

Then those recommendations did occasionally succeed?—They might once or twice.

What are the instances in which they succeeded?—Mr. Kelly, for one.

What other?—I do not know, I believe that is the only one.

You said instances?—A gentleman writes to me from the country, or comes up from the country, and asks me how to apply about any thing under Government, or in the India House, or in the Militia, and I tell him.

You said just now, you had succeeded in instances, and that in the instances in which you succeeded you received an additional compliment?—Perhaps I might once or twice.

Mention the other instances.—It is impossible for a man who has been 35 years in London to recollect instances; I have been applied to thousands and thousands of times.

Within the last five years, are you certain no instance succeeded but Mr. Kelly's?—No.

If there are only two instances, can you account for your recollecting only one?—The other I do not know how the gentleman got it; he said I had had a great deal of trouble, and gave me ten guineas.

If there are a great many instances of your applications, and only two have been attended with success, are the names and the circumstances of the two instances out of your recollection?—One was that of a gentleman who was to have a Cadetship; his nephew died in Ireland before he came over.

What was his name?—I believe his name was Brannan; I do not know from what part of Ireland; he was at a fire at Cork, caught a violent cold, and died; and the gentleman made me a present of ten guineas: and that I believe was all I ever got.

Have

Have you made many recommendations?—I have been applied to hundreds of *Mr. Southcomb.* times.

Is the Committee to understand that of those recommendations only two instances were successful?—Yes; and those were not through myself.

Are there no more than two instances of your success?—No, not that I can recollect.

State those two instances.—I have stated one was Mr. Kelly; the other was Mr. Brannan from Ireland, but what part of Ireland I do not know, he applied to me three or four months ago.

That was for what?—For a Cadetcy, I believe; he would have obtained it if his nephew had lived; I had a great deal of trouble; his nephew was ill two months; he called upon me a good many times.

Is there no other instance of success which you recollect?—No; they might get them, and not let me know.

Sir THEOPHILUS METCALFE, Bart.

Do you recollect appointing a person of the name of Kelly to a Cadetship?—I do not. *Sir T. Metcalfe, Bart.*

Do you know Mr. Scott, a tailor?—Yes I do, he is my tailor, in Pall Mall.

How long has he been your tailor?—A considerable time, for little trifling things, but more so lately than he ever was before.

Do you recollect giving any appointment to him, for a relation of his?—Not any to him, it was to his wife. In fact his wife was a relation of a tenant of mine in Essex, and I had known her a great number of years; she was a woman in a better situation of life, before she married Scott; I should never have known Scott but for Mrs. Scott, and it was Mrs. Scott who applied to me for a relation of her husband's, I think the name was Kelly. Now it is mentioned, I will explain why I gave it to her, for I have been very particular about my Patronage. She has been occasionally very kind in sending birds to my house, long before this, and I had appointed her own son formerly, who is now a Cadet at Bengal; and it was upon her solicitation that I gave this appointment, I believe, since the month of April last; but at the India House I could ascertain it more accurately than I can at present: I think it was a Cadet's appointment that I gave to her.

How long has Mrs. Scott been married to this tailor?—I believe seven or eight years, I am not certain as to the period of time; the first time that I knew her as Mrs. Scott was upon her applying to me about a tenant of mine in Essex, who was her relation, and I saw her and him in Argyle-street, where they lived then; that was six or seven years ago.

Had she made any prior application to you for any place?—None, I believe, except for her own son.

Was that prior to her second marriage?—I cannot ascertain that, for I do not know when she was married; her son's name was Valcotte. She was married to an Italian of the name of Valcotte, who kept a bookfeller's shop in Pall Mall, at the time she was connected with this tenant of mine, a man who held a farm of mine in Essex, and there I saw her frequently; she was a woman that conducted herself very well, and, I understood from him, had been in a better situation of life, and I gave her this appointment first for her son; indeed I gave her son two appointments, I first appointed him to a clerkship in the India House; he did not do there very well; he wanted to go to sea, and I appointed him to the Bombay Marine; he came home as a prisoner to be exchanged, having arrived at a Lieutenantcy; and I then gave him a Cadetcy to Bengal. I think she afterwards applied to me, requesting, as a great favour, I would give her an appointment for a relation of her husband's, and I think the name may be Kelly.

Was she related to this tenant of yours?—Yes.

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Bart.*

Nearly related?—I do not think she was nearer than a first cousin, but that is many years ago.

Did he live near Maldon?—Yes he did. The little estate I have there was called Bicknecker Priory, which I afterwards sold to Lord Henniker; and this man, whose name I believe was Bird, lived upon the spot; but during that man's lifetime there was no Patronage given.

Did you understand that Kelly was a relation of Scott's?—I think it was represented to me so; if it had not, I certainly would not have given it to him.

Did you ever take any pains to inquire whether he was related to Scott?—No; I took it for granted, without inquiry; I had not a suspicion of the kind, that it was possible an application could be made upon any other grounds. If I had not been called before you, I should not have thought it possible an improper use could have been made of it.

Did Scott ever mention to you, that it was not given to the person for whom it was first intended, when Mrs. Scott applied?—I think not, to the best of my recollection. In general, when I have given a Cadetship, I have been so particular, that the person should come to me at the India House, that I might see first that he was a proper person, and next, that I might be certain that he was the person that I intended it for. I have only upon my mind the name that I appointed in this case.

Did you take these precautions with regard to the appointment given to Mr. Scott?—I did, to the best of my recollection; it is impossible to speak positively at this distance of time, when the man came or how he came; but it is impossible, I think, that I could have done any otherwise.

Did you understand from Scott, that Kelly was a near relation of his?—I did certainly, or I would not have given him the appointment; and I did not in fact give the appointment to Scott, but to his wife.

GEO. ABERCROMBIE ROBINSON, Esquire.

Mr. Robinson.

Do you recollect giving the Cadetcy to Mr. Morland, a banker?—Yes.

At what time?—I cannot recollect the time exactly; it must have been about December last. Some time last year, a gentleman, a friend of mine, was expressing his great want of a Cadetship, for his son, to Mr. Morland, and Mr. Morland applied to Colonel Toone for a Cadetship for him; and being successful in his application, he wrote to me to inform my friend of it; I waited immediately upon Mr. Morland, and informed him, that I knew the young man was not eligible for an appointment of that description, as he was a native of India. In consequence of which, Mr. Morland desired me to write to my friend, to inform him what he had done, and to express his concern, that the appointment could not be available to him. Some time after that, an application had been made to several gentlemen at the East-India House, for a Cadetship, on the part of Sir Moris Ximenes; this application was made in my presence repeatedly; and it was stated, that the young man for whom he wanted it, was so near being arrived at the prescribed age, which is twenty-two, that unless he could get it that year, it would be impossible for him to avail himself of it. I mentioned the circumstance to my friend Mr. Morland, on some occasion or other, when we were together; and he said that he had offered the Cadetship to my Lord Kinnaird, and that if his Lordship did not immediately want it for this year, he should be very willing to oblige Sir Moris Ximenes with it, upon condition that Sir Moris Ximenes should return him one the next year. I mentioned the circumstance to Sir Moris Ximenes, and he was very happy to avail himself of it, and promised to return it to Mr. Morland. I have been under particular obligations to Mr. Morland for civilities that he has rendered me at different times, and when I got into the direction myself, for at this time I was not in the East-India direction, it was always my intention to have paid Mr. Morland the compliment of giving him a Cadetship, if he wished it, for any particular friend. Towards the autumn of the year, he reminded me of Sir Moris Ximenes' engagement to him; upon which I applied to Sir Moris; and several letters passed between us, stating that he had made many applications in various quarters amongst his friends, but, owing to the shortness of Military Patronage this year, he was not likely to succeed, and expressed his regret at it.

it. Under these circumstances, I felt myself bound, at any rate, to stand in the place of Sir Moris Ximenes with respect to Mr. Morland, as I had the thing in my own grant; but as I could not conveniently give him two Cadetships, one on the part of Sir Moris, and one that I intended myself, I called upon him one day, and stated to him that I wished to testify my dispositions towards him, by giving him the option of the Military Patronage that I had. The Cadetship that he had given to Sir Moris Ximenes, was an Infantry one for Madras; I told him that I had a Bengal Infantry one, and a Madras Cavalry one, that he might make his selection between the two; he desired time to consult his friend; and a few days afterwards stated to me, that they preferred the Madras Cavalry Cadetship; and he then said, that if I would be kind enough to furnish him with the prescribed certificates, and give him the card which is presented by the young man, he would be obliged to me. I told him I had made it a rule never to present to any body a blank card; that there were certain points of ineligibility, particularly that of being a half cast, or born of a native woman, as well as some points respecting age; and therefore his friend must appear before me at the India House, that I might judge whether he was in all points qualified according to the regulations; and in consequence of that Mr. Jones called upon me with the young man, with a letter from Mr. Morland, dated the 3d of January 1809, stating that he was the young man to whom he had given the appointment; he brought with him a certificate of his age only; and I stated to Mr. Jones, that that would not be sufficient, there must be a form of declaration signed by his father, or his nearest of kin, stating that it was received gratuitously, and no consideration whatever given. The young man, or Mr. Jones, I do not know which, said, that his father was then in the city, near at hand, and could be brought to sign the certificate; I returned to my business in the Committee, and the young man was produced before the Committee with the prescribed certificates, and passed. I heard no more upon the subject, until about the 26th or 27th of January, when I was called out of the Committee one day by Mr. Thellusson, who was accompanied by another gentleman, a friend of his, and also an acquaintance of my own; Mr. Thellusson said that he had called me out to inform me that a Cadetship for Madras Cavalry that I had given away, he had been informed by his friend, had been sold for five hundred pounds or guineas, I do not know which; he said the gentleman who gave the information expressed a great deal of anxiety, that though he had mentioned the circumstance it should not operate to the prejudice of the young man. I said, that I could not pledge myself in any shape, for that it must rest in the breast of the Court of Directors, and I stated to whom I had given it, and the circumstances under which I had given it, both to Mr. Thellusson and to this gentleman. Mr. Thellusson then proposed that we should call Mr. Cotton from the Committee, as being an old Director and knowing what steps had been taken on former occasions, and should state the circumstances to him; they were so, and Mr. Cotton advised, and it was agreed, I should immediately endeavour to see Mr. Morland, state the circumstances to him, and request of him to inform me what course the appointment had taken from his hands. I saw Mr. Morland the next morning, who said, he had given it, as my letter expressed it, to Mr. Jones, for a nephew of his, as I understood; that he believed Mr. Jones incapable of any fordid proceeding, but that he would wait upon him and explain what had passed, and I requested he would beg of Mr. Jones to come forward, with an explicit avowal of every thing that had taken place, before the Committee of the Court of Directors, which I should certainly apply for to be appointed immediately, and that I could not let it pass beyond the next Court day, which was on the Wednesday, and the conversation I had with Mr. Morland was on the Saturday. When I saw Mr. Morland again, he stated, that Mr. Jones could assure me that he had not sold the appointment, but that he was not at liberty to enter upon any further explanation until he had communicated with another gentleman with whom he was in confidence on the subject, and that he wished me not to bring the matter before the Court on Wednesday, to afford him an opportunity of getting an answer to the reference he had made; I agreed, therefore, to let it lie over till the Friday, which I knew would be the next Court; in the interim, I explained all the circumstances to Mr. Boscawen, who was also an old Director, and to the Chairman and to the Deputy, and not hearing any thing from Mr. Morland when the Court met on the Friday, I immediately stated the circumstances to the Court, saying, that Mr. Morland had assured me he would be ready to come forward to any Committee of the House, but that as Mr. Jones had not given me that assurance, I could trace the matter no further without the assistance of the Committee; it was then referred to the Committee of Shipping to inquire into the circumstances, as the proceedings of the Court will shew, and Mr. Jones was brought before the next

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Committee; he then attended, he wrote me a note to say that he would attend. The gentleman who gave me the information (Mr. Battye, of the Stock Exchange) particularly stated that a Mr. Shee had been an agent employed in the business. Mr. Shee's character was very notorious in the India House, for transactions of that kind; the Court of Directors had encouraged a prosecution in one instance, by which he was sentenced to imprisonment, and that tended still more to confirm me in the belief that there was corruption in the business. Mr. Morland, in the last interview I had with him, had mentioned that the fact was, that there had been no money passed, he understood, from Mr. Jones, but that it was an exchange of Patronage; that the mother of Mr. Jones's nephew was unwilling he should go to India, and that therefore it was intended to obtain a Cadetship to Woolwich, in exchange for the Madras Cadetship. When Mr. Jones came before us, I put the question pointedly to him, whether Mr. Shee had not been an agent in the transaction; and his answer, which is among the papers which have been sent to the Committee, stated, that he had not; that he had no knowledge of Mr. Shee. Afterwards, when Mr. Stoughton was before the Committee, I put the same question to him, and he said, as will appear by the proceedings, that Mr. Shee had been the person employed as an agent between them, and had introduced them to each other personally, but that subsequently the negotiation was carried on by them without the further intervention of Mr. Shee.

Do you know from whom your friend, who first communicated the intelligence, received information that a sum of money, five hundred guineas or pounds, had been given for this appointment?—I understood from him that it was a gentleman at Bath who had applied to him for a letter of introduction, in favour of Mr. Stoughton's son, to the son of this gentleman, Mr. Battye, who was in India; that Mr. Battye said he could not give a letter, because his son was at a different Presidency, and it would be of no use; and that incidentally, in the course of conversation, this gentleman said, that these things were very dear, that the appointment had cost his friend, Mr. Stoughton, five hundred pounds or guineas; and I understood also from Mr. Battye, that knowing the odium to which the Directors were sometimes subjected on account of these things, he mentioned it immediately to Mr. Thelluson, and Mr. Thelluson then brought him to me.

How long was it since the first conversation you can recollect having had with Mr. Morland?—I fancy it must have been about Christmas 1807.

At what time did you come into the Direction?—In April 1808.

Has Mr. Shee been examined before the Committee of Shipping?—No.

Do they know where to find him?—Mr. Stoughton told me that he knew where to find him. Mr. Stoughton came to the India House by way of explaining that the Mr. Shee whom he had negotiated with was not the infamous character which they conceived it to have been, but another Mr. Shee. From the Clerks of the House I have however understood it is the son; and Mr. Stoughton was then beginning by stating to me that an advertisement had appeared in the paper, of a Cadetship wanted, with reference to Mr. Shee in Marybone-street. As I was alone with Mr. Stoughton, I said I wished not to enter into any explanation of the circumstances with him; that if he had any thing to say, it would be better he should say it to the Committee. He added, that Mr. Shee had been under obligations to him.

Do you think the gentleman at Bath could furnish the Committee with any proof with regard to money passing in this transaction?—I think both Mr. Battye and that gentleman could. I mentioned to Mr. Battye, the other day, that he must be aware that I could no longer keep his name out of the question, as the matter was referred to a Committee of the House of Commons, and that he must necessarily come forward and state all that he knew. He said he was perfectly aware of that, and of course should do so. He mentioned also, that he understood four hundred pounds had been paid or deposited in the first instance, and one hundred pounds afterwards, through the medium of a banker at Bristol.

Did he mention the name of the banker?—No, he did not; and in consequence of that, when Mr. Stoughton was before us, I put the question to him, whether a sum of money had not been paid through the medium of a banking-house at Bristol, and he said, no.

What is the name of the gentleman at Bath?—I do not know; Mr. Battye of course can tell; he was the gentleman with whom he was dining at the time.

Is

Is this appointment suspended?—The appointment is suspended.

Mr. Henry Stoughton was the candidate?—He was.

Could you suggest to the Committee any other mode by which they are likely to trace further?—I think through Mr. Battye's means, and the gentleman that he had the information from.

Have you any further information to give to the Committee upon this subject?—I have no further information upon the subject; when I sent for the certificates which had been signed by Mr. Stoughton at two different times, there was a great appearance, in my opinion and that of all the gentlemen almost, that the latter had been a forgery, that is, that it was not Mr. Stoughton's hand-writing; it was very different in some of the letters; however Mr. Stoughton acknowledged it as his hand-writing.

Mr. Stoughton, the father, was in town at the time, was he not?—Yes.

And he acknowledged the signature?—Yes he did. I have no doubt of money having passed in this transaction, and my own idea is, that the sum of five hundred pounds was to be deposited till the Woolwich Cadetship was obtained. I understood also from Mr. Battye, in the last conversation, that Mr. Stoughton had obtained a promissory note for the repayment of this money.

Was the condition either expressed or implied, that it should be cancelled if a Woolwich Cadetship was obtained?—No; I rather conceive that to be intended to bear them out, that no money was taken for it.

Do you recollect communicating any further circumstances to Mr. Grant upon this subject?—No, nothing further than I have stated to the Committee.

Are you aware under what statute, or in what form Shee was indicted, in consequence of the proceeding you have mentioned?—I made inquiry of one of the Clerks at the India House on the subject, and he said they had been able to prosecute him to conviction, in consequence of the money having been paid, and the appointment not obtained, and therefore it was money obtained under false pretences; but that if the Cadetship had actually been obtained, they could not have convicted him.

Did Mr. Morland say that he was acquainted with the exchange between Mr. Jones and Mr. Stoughton?—No; that he conscientiously thought that Mr. Jones's nephew was benefited by it, that he really believed it to be for a nephew of Mr. Jones.

Mr. GEORGE DAVIS.

What line of business do you follow?—I had, previous to the Act, been much concerned in the negotiation of commissions, but since the Act prohibiting that, it has been confined to exchanges.

In the army?—Yes.

Do you do business with regard to other offices, Civil offices?—No, I do not.

Did you never?—I have never effected any thing in India or Ceylon; I have been wholly confined to the army; but as that is getting so unpopular, I am getting out of that wholly.

Have you not been concerned as a general agent for all sorts of offices?—Indeed I have not, certainly not; I have anxiously avoided the idea, and the reputation of having any thing to do with what are called Civil appointments, for there has been a sort of discredit attached to that. With regard to exchanges in the army, His Majesty has set a price upon them; but I have anxiously avoided Civil appointments.

Have you never had any thing to do with trafficking in East India Military appointments?—I have treated, but have not effected them; I have Writerships.

What Writerships were those?—There was one with Mr. Donovan.

How long since?—I think 1804; it arose from a Mr. McDougall informing me that he had the power of effecting a Writership, and asking me whether I knew any gentleman

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Mr. G. Davis. gentleman who wanted one, and remember expressing my doubts of his power, and my wishes to decline it; but I received so many importunities in the course of the day to bring forward my friend to take it, that at last I acquiesced.

What was done in consequence?—It came to nothing.

Could not the appointment be attained?—So it appeared, just as I predicted.

In whose Patronage was that appointment?—I do not know; I afterwards discovered that Mr. Donovan was connected with him in the negotiation.

Do you believe that that appointment took place?—No, certainly I know it did not. I was amused with promises from day to day, every Court day, for several months, and it did not take place at all.

Had you ever any conversation with any of the Directors upon that subject?—No, certainly not.

What other Writerships have you ever been concerned in attempting to negotiate?—There was one with the sister of a Peer, she offered it me, but really I should not hesitate a moment on how I should act, were I asked such a question otherwise than by this honourable Committee.

Do you know a Mrs. Grove?—Yes.

To whom was she sister?—She told me she was sister of the late Lord Clare, the late Lord Chancellor of Ireland.

Is that the lady you allude to?—Yes.

Where did she live at the time you allude to?—She lodged at Mr. Donovan's.

Had you ever seen her before?—Indeed I had not; I did not know her till she introduced herself to me, and informed me who she was.

Had you ever heard of her under any other name?—No, I had not.

Do you know how long she has had the name of Groves?—No.

Do you know what former name she had?—No, I understood she was married, and her name was changed; but I should not have known who she was, if she had not informed me she was sister of the late Lord Clare.

At what time did you see her?—In the early part of 1806.

Have you seen her since that time?—Not since, but for a month or so at that time, while she was attempting to effect this Writership.

Did you see her frequently then?—Possibly, half a dozen times.

Have you never seen her since that time?—Certainly not.

You have not met her by accident even?—No, I do not recollect seeing her subsequent to a month after that, or it may be six weeks; I have no recollection of any other communications; certainly not.

Had you any reason to believe she was the late Lord Clare's sister, except her professing herself to be so?—Certainly not; I think she mentioned something of the family name of Jefferies, for I noticed to her the seal, with which she sealed her letters, having two I's and a coronet; she seemed a very shrewd, sensible, clever woman, I thought.

What did she offer you?—A Writership to Bengal, I think it was.

What took place in consequence?—I did introduce a gentleman to her, and it was attempted; but there was some disapprobation of the security offered, and so it was not proceeded in; she employed a Mr. Reding or Reading.

Where does he live?—I do not know; he lived at that time, I understood, in Green-street, Grosvenor-square: I did not like his behaviour, and therefore did not notice him; but he has since that, lived in the adjoining house to mine: I have heard he is in embarrassment, but I did not notice him.

Do you know where he lives now?—I heard my servant say Mr. Reding was gone to the Fleet. He spells it, I think, Reding, but Mrs. Groves spells it Reading.

Was he an agent or a banker?—I do not know; I never saw him before he was employed

employed by her, I think, to go to a Peerefs; and I conceived that name was mentioned in that sort of confidential way to me, that I was not at liberty to impart it. It *Mr. G. Davis.* never has passed my lips.

Have you never written about it to any body?—I did to her Lord, as I felt concerned that I should, possibly, be obliged to divulge it.

For what purpose did you write to her Lord?—I felt myself in a dilemma; I thought it would occasion so much family uneasiness and distractions.

Did you believe that the transaction was to take place through that lady?—I had no reason to discredit it; Mrs. Groves assured me that was the case.

Did the transaction take place?—Certainly not.

From what reason do you suppose the negotiation broke off?—This reason was explained by Mrs. Groves; that at that moment there was a change in Administration, and that it was a Board of Control appointment. I recollect Mr. Reding, or Reading, afterwards informed me, that there was no Court subsequent to that moment, during the then Administration, by which a nomination could properly take place; or the card, I do not know whether it was a card, or how, but that there was no opportunity of the person being appointed.

Who was at the head of the Board of Control at that time?—I do not know.

Did she not mention by whom it was to be given to your friend?—A noble Viscount was mentioned to me.

Was not Lord Castlereagh the person mentioned?—He was.

Was Lord Castlereagh the person to whom you wrote, communicating these circumstances?—He was.

How long ago was that transaction?—It was in the beginning of 1806; it was at the moment of the change of Administration that she applied for it. When I wrote to his Lordship, he requested me to call upon him at his office in Downing-street, and I did on that day.

Did you see him?—No, he was at the Council; and I received a note the next day, acknowledging the receipt of it, and requesting that I would explain every thing, so that the party who had made use of his name should be detected, or something of that kind.

Did he decline seeing you?—No, so far from that, his servant delivered to me his compliments, and desired that I would call at his house in Downing-street, and, if he was not there, go to the House of Commons.

You have not seen him?—No, I have not.

And no appointment was made for seeing him in the note you received?—No; but he requested I would lend my aid in order that the party who would be daring enough to make so improper a use of his name (I think that was the expression) should be exposed.

You could produce the note, if necessary?—Yes, certainly

What other transactions relating to East-India Patronage have you ever been concerned in?—The only other that I recollect is this, a Writership I attempted, in which the consideration was approved by the Court of Directors, that almost took place; it was Mr. Bent, the merchant, who was afterwards Member for Aylesbury, wishing to obtain a Writership for his son; his knowing the Reverend Mr. Bailey, a brother-in-law of a Director of the name of Parry, of Berner's-street, Mr. Bailey said he conceived he had interest with his brother-in-law to obtain that, and would commute it for a living; Mr. Bent purchased an advowson for him; and I have understood, that Mr. Parry being called upon for his nomination, declared what his motives were for giving Mr. Bent's son this Writership; and that it was approved of by the Chairman, who rose, when he was called upon to assent or dissent, and produced an anonymous letter, declaring he must dissent to his appointment, as he held an anonymous letter in his hand, that this gentleman's father had advertised, offering money; Mr. Bent offered to make an affidavit, that he never had done any thing of the kind; but, however, it was fatal to the appointment: and this disgusted me so much, that I never attempted any thing more.

Mr. G. Davis.

Do you know who was Chairman at that time?—No, this was ten years ago, very nearly, I think, if not quite.

Are there any other transactions relating to East India Patronage, in which you have been concerned?—None.

None relating to Cadetships?—None.

Was any money deposited in any of these transactions?—Yes, there was.

In which?—In that of Mr. Donovan's, not in that in which Mrs. Groves was concerned; but there was money deposited in the case of Mr. Donovan, but the banker did not give security for the consideration.

Where was the money deposited?—I do not know; but that money was deposited in some banking-house in Bond-street, but that the banker did not give an engagement; it was a respectable tradesman of Bond-street.

How do you know he did not?—Because I saw the engagement of the tradesman.

Who was the tradesman?—Mr. Carpenter in Bond-street; it was delivered by him to Mr. M^cDougall; he of course would not have done it, if money had not been lodged. I understand the money was lodged at his bankers: I do not know who they were.

For whom was that appointment negotiated?—For a young gentleman, now dead, a Mr. Warden.

Who was Mr. M^cDougall?—He had been an Officer in Sir Thomas Wallis's Regiment; he was at that time engaged, I understood, in the negotiation of commissions; this was in the year 1804, the close of the year.

Who were the other two appointments negotiated for?—There was one, for Mr. Bent's son, with the Reverend Mr. Bailey; I never had any communication, directly or indirectly, with a Director.

Mr. Bailey is Mr. Thomas Parry's brother-in-law?—I understand so.

Was money deposited in that transaction?—Certainly not, there was a living purchased; the transaction not taking place, Mr. Bent sent his son to one of the Colleges to take a degree, to be inducted to that living.

Who was to be appointed to the third appointment?—Mr. Warden, to that respecting which Mr. M^cDougall applied; to the third, I do not know the name of the young gentleman, he was a friend of a gentleman of the name of Nowell; it was not his son. I remember an observation, that he thought the £3000. too much, and would not give it himself, but that it was only from the instruction of his friend, that was with Mrs. Groves.

Cannot you recollect the name of the young gentleman who was to be appointed?—It was some young gentleman who was then at school.

Where does Mr. Nowell live?—In Baker-street, or York-place, Baker-street, Portman-square.

What is he?—An East Indian of fortune, I understand.

Does he live there now?—I do not know.

What advantage did you derive from any of those transactions?—I, none, not a fixpence; I was out of pocket postages.

Did you take all this trouble gratuitously?—My emolument was eventual upon the success, and, none of it taking place, I lost all; I had not a guinea, nor a fraction of one.

Did you receive no sort of compensation for your trouble?—Not the least.

How long have you known Mr. Donovan?—I knew him upon that occasion, Mr. M^cDougall's.

Was that the first time of your knowing him?—I believe it was, I have never had any communication with him.

By whom were you introduced to Mr. Donovan, or he to you?—By Mr. M^cDougall; or else on discovering from Mr. M^cDougall that Mr. Donovan was the person, I possibly may have gone to him, in the absence of Mr. M^cDougall, to desire that the matter might be brought to issue, that he would effect the appointment or give up the securities; for it was such a strange conduct, such solemn promises, on every successive Court day, that the appointment should take place. I cannot be positive whether Mr.

M^cDougall

M'Dougall introduced him, or I went and introduced myself in consequence of the information I received from him; and I was so offended at the number of falsehoods he told me about it, that I have never spoken to him since.

Mr. G. Davis.

Do you know Mr. Shee?—I do not; I never had any transaction with him.

Do you know Mr. Brown?—I know his person, he is in the Stamp Office.

Have you ever been concerned with him in any transactions relating to East India Patronage?—Never.

Did Mrs. Groves refer you to any body of whom you might inquire whether she was the person she pretended to be?—No; but she seemed to know Mr. Nowell, or rather, on explanation, their connexions were acquainted.

Did you make no inquiries whether she was in fact?—No, I did not; I was deluded into a confidence, I was really induced from her manners to place a confidence in her.

Did her being in Mr. Donovan's house appear to entitle her to so much confidence?—She wrote me a note, and I hesitated to answer it on that account, because I suspected the note came from Mr. Donovan. I was going to write an answer to decline, for I rather suspected the note to be from him, and she called upon me and assured me who she was; I had no reason to discredit her, her manners, I thought, bore her out in a degree.

Do you know what induced her to apply to you?—In consequence of an advertisement that I had inserted for a Writership; I think that must be the case, because it was a note I received, addressed to a bookseller, requesting I would call upon her, or upon the writer, at N° 27, in Charles-street; this was subsequent to M'Dougall's and Donovan's transaction a twelvemonth.

At whose request did you insert this advertisement in the newspaper?—I have no recollection, but I conceive it was in consequence of knowing that Mr. Nowell wanted a Writership, as the transaction took place so immediately after.

Were you in the habit of inserting advertisements of this sort?—No, indeed, except relative to Commissions in the army.

You have stated, that you had a particular dislike to being at all concerned in Civil offices; is this the only instance in which you voluntarily advertised to negotiate Civil offices?—I do not recollect ever to have advertised a Civil employment.

Cannot you recollect by whom that reluctance was overcome?—It was in consequence of the conduct of improper characters in this town professing it; whenever a person has asked me for a Civil employment, I have answered, that I knew of no channel by which they could be obtained. There is a price set on Commissions in the army, and Commissions in the army are saleable, but I have always declined the other.

As this was contrary to your usual practice, and contrary to your inclination also, can you not recollect at whose desire you deviated from that rule you laid down for yourself?—With the exception of Writerships, I should say, I had connected the idea with Civil employments at home; but I do not know that I was directed by any body, but knowing this gentleman was desirous of a Writership, I attempted to obtain one.

Do you reckon a Writership a Civil employment or a Military one?—A Civil one, certainly; but I connected that term with Civil employments at home.

What is Mr. Nowell's Christian name?—I do not recollect.

Have you any reason now to think that if the Administration had not been changed at the time you mention, this appointment would have been procured through the interest of Lord Castlereagh?—The only answer I can make to that is, that Mrs. Groves assured me that was the only reason, that another Court would not be held in order to effect the nomination.

Have you any letter of Mrs. Groves's in your possession?—One note I have, it is addressed to D. D. D. at a bookseller's in Pall-mall.

Do you know that to be the hand-writing of the lady who spoke to you under the name of Mrs. Groves?—No, I do not; but I think I have another bit of paper written by her.

That you saw her write?—I do not recollect to have seen her write.

Do you recollect who was Chairman at the time of Mr. Bent's negotiation?—I do not; it was either 1799 or 1800.

Mr. G. Davis.

It was quashed by the Chairman?—So I understood from Mr. Bent, that it was quashed in consequence of an anonymous letter he had received.

That circumstance does not bring to your mind who the Chairman was?—No.

Do you know the contents of that letter?—Mr. Bent stated to me that it was, that he had advertised, offering money.

Is Mr. Reding, whom you have mentioned, an Irishman?—I think he evidently is; he has very lately, within six months, lived at the adjoining house to mine: he took it ready furnished, and he very soon removed to the Fleet.

Mr. DAVID BROWN.

Mr. D. Brown.

What office do you hold in the Stamp-office?—Clerk in the Comptroller's department.

How long have you been there?—Seven or eight years.

By whom was that appointment given to you?—Through the application of Sir Charles Rouse Boughton.

Have you ever been concerned in agency or brokerage of any kind?—I must confess I have, in a certain degree.

State to the Committee in what degree, relating to any Patronage under the East India Company, you have ever been concerned.—Under the circumstances in which I have been placed, in an office of very small income, I have had recourse to an attempt to improve it by these transactions, by endeavouring to procure situations, not particularly under the India Company, but any thing that came in my way.

Recollect, and state to the Committee all the cases of negotiations in which you have been concerned relating to appointments under the East India Company.—I entered into this situation in the Stamp-office upon a salary of £. 70. a year, constantly expecting promotion; and finding I was not able to live upon that income, I sought various opportunities of improving it, my friends having given me a very liberal education, and, from habits of study, I endeavoured to improve myself in classical knowledge. I thought I might seek employment by giving private instructions in classics. I was to a considerable degree fortunate in my applications among my friends. I obtained an employment as tutor to the son of Mrs. Bates, the widow of Mr. Bates, who was an officer. I cannot exactly state how long Mrs. Bates employed me, it being five years ago, but she expressed herself satisfied with my attention, and nothing took me off from that but the extreme ill health of the pupil under my care. Mrs. Bates still held up to me that I should resume this on the recovery of her son's health, but a considerable time elapsed. I could not lie idle, and I sought other opportunities, and procured an engagement from a friend of mine, Mr. Garrett, who was a surgeon in the East India Company's service, who is now employed in that capacity; he is a surgeon on board the Warley East Indiaman; he was employed at that time and since, and is employed in that ship now. His son was under my care, and I attended him for a year and a half or two years. Mr. Garrett was a friend of mine; and after he left England, his wife, with whom the son lived, was rather in limited circumstances, and I never made application to her for money for my attendance upon her son for between a year and a half and two years. I never have received any emolument for my services to this day. My salary being £. 70. subject to a deduction of Income Tax, and being subject to the insurance for Militia, I was obliged to enter into a Volunteer Corps, which took away a great deal of my income. Under these circumstances, I saw frequent advertisements, and I answered them, first on one side and then on the other; I never in any case found they could lead to any thing real; I saw that there were a number of agents who pretended; I was led to various agents, but never could bring any thing to bear; and after having attempted this various times, I dropped it altogether. But still under these circumstances I made myself acquainted with several people who came to me at different times, and entered into various negotiations; but never any of them came to any issue, except one that was under the East India Company; that was one in which the name of the gentleman was Kelly.

What was the appointment?—It was a Cadetship.

Under whose patronage was that?—I never knew the Director's name.

With whom did you negotiate for that appointment?—Mr. Donovan was the person who furnished me with the name of the candidate.

What

What were you to do in this transaction?—I had nothing to do further than that I *Mr. D. Brown,* knew a person who wished to procure the situation; Mr. Donovan was the person who was acquainted with the candidate.

Who was the person whom you introduced to Mr. Donovan, as having this appointment in his power?—Mr. Scott.

What is he?—An army tailor in Pall Mall.

How did you become acquainted with Mr. Scott?—In the house in which I live, a Mr. Shee lodged; Mr. Scott came to this house to inquire for Mr. Shee; Mr. Shee was not there, he was out of town; Mr. Scott told me the business on which he came, the urgency of the case, that it must be immediately done, and asked me, as Mr. Shee was out of town, if I knew any body who would take the situation; I told Mr. Donovan of it, and Mr. Donovan furnished me with a candidate, whose name was Kelly. Between that transaction and the fulfilment of the negotiation, nothing further passed on my part.

What did you receive for your part in this transaction?—I think Mr. Donovan gave me a ten pound note; I am not exactly certain; and I think Mr. Scott likewise gave me another.

Did Mr. Kelly give you any thing?—Not a sixpence; I never applied to him, I merely brought the parties together.

Were you in any sort of partnership with Mr. Shee?—Never the slightest.

Where does Mr. Shee live now?—There are two Mr. Shees; the one who lodged in the same house with me is a young man, the son of the other; he, after he left that house, went to Bath, from thence to Ireland, and he has been backwards and forwards frequently; but his place of residence in London now is in High-street, Marybone, N^o 30 or 31.

What is his Christian name?—Annesley.

Where does the father live?—The father I have no communication with, we are not upon terms even to speak to one another; but to the best of my knowledge, he is within the Rules of the Fleet, and has been there five or six years; some transactions took place, from which I thought it proper not to have any thing to do with him.

How long have you known Mr. Donovan?—I cannot state exactly; I had known him by name before I spoke to him.

When were you first introduced to him?—I really cannot state; I have known his name for a considerable time, but I cannot speak to the time I was first introduced to him.

Have you been concerned with him in any other transactions relating to East-India Patronage?—Never in my life.

Have you been concerned with any silversmith in Saint James's-street in any transactions of this sort?—Not on India Patronage.

Did you never say to any person, that you had been concerned in transactions in negotiating for offices with a silversmith in Saint James's-street?—It is very possible I might; it is most likely.

What is the name of that person?—His name is Home.

Have you ever been concerned with him in any transactions relating to East-India Patronage?—Never in my life.

You are positive of that?—Yes.

What business did you transact with him?—None at all; I had a transaction with him which terminated in nothing.

What sort of a situation?—A Civil situation, not in India.

Have you any friend in the East-India Warehouses?—No, I have not even an acquaintance there.

Are you pretty sure it was ten pounds you received from Mr. Scott?—I cannot exactly say whether it was pounds or guineas, but not more than ten.

Do you think it was not forty?—I am very sure it was not twice ten; indeed I can speak pretty positively that it was not more than ten pounds or guineas.

You received something from Mr. Donovan; Yes, either ten pounds or guineas.

ALEXANDER NOWELL, Esq.

A. Nowell, Esq.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Donovan?—Yes I am.

How long have you known him?—I think it was about three years ago, or rather sooner, some time in January 1806 I think; I cannot speak positively as to the time.

Upon what occasion did you first become acquainted with him?—To procure a Writership for a nephew of mine.

By whom was Mr. Donovan introduced to you?—The business first commenced with another party, not with Mr. Donovan.

State who that party was?—A Mrs. Groves, who lodged in Mr. Donovan's house.

What acquaintance had you with Mrs. Groves?—None, till the commencement of this business; I never knew her, or heard of her, or Mr. Donovan either.

What was the occasion of your first becoming acquainted with Mrs. Groves; was it by advertisement, or how?—No; it was by a lady who lived in the house, and also a friend of Mrs. Groves, a Miss Pratt, who mentioned the circumstance to a friend of mine.

Relate what passed in consequence, and the circumstances of that transaction?—In consequence of this introduction, Mrs. Groves gave me to understand that she could procure a Writership to Bengal, which I was commissioned by the parents of a nephew of mine to procure for him; as I could not obtain it by any other means, and hearing that these things were commonly on sale, that that was a mode through which they were frequently obtained, I thought it probable that she might obtain it, as she proposed; the preliminaries of the thing were, that a deposit should be made; a deposit was accordingly made at a banker's house, named by Mrs. Groves, Sir Matthew Bloxam, & Co.; the communication was kept up with Mrs. Groves, I cannot recollect how long, but I should suppose two, or three, or four months, I cannot positively recollect, when Mrs. Groves went to Ireland, and the business was then left with Mr. Donovan; but previously to Mrs. Groves going to Ireland, I think Mr. Donovan was introduced to me by Mrs. Groves; and that he had, conjointly with Mrs. Groves communication with me upon the subject; I suppose they were mutually interested in the transaction, how it was I do not know; after trying this matter for a length of time, perhaps five or six months, I found that it was totally fruitless, and I recalled my deposit. I called upon Sir Matthew Bloxam's house for the return of the deposit, which was accordingly returned in the course of a few days.

What was the sum deposited?—£.3,500 I believe, to the best of my recollection.

In whose names was it deposited?—That I do not recollect; Sir Matthew Bloxam could state from his books of course.

Was it deposited by yourself?—Yes, by myself; probably not by my own hands, perhaps by cheque on my bankers; whether by that, or by cash carried there, I cannot state.

Was it deposited in one or two names?—I do not recollect at all; it was immediately on my return from India, after an absence of three or four and twenty years.

Do you recollect in what year, or what month, the deposit was made?—No, I do not; but it was after the 1st of January, I think, in 1806, I arrived on the 10th of September 1805 in England, and this was subsequently to that, and the transaction was all over before I left Town; in the spring I had withdrawn my deposit a fortnight.

Do you recollect in what month you withdrew your deposit?—No; but I could obtain information.

Was Sir Matthew Bloxam a party to this transaction?—He was acquainted with it.

By

By whom was he acquainted with it?—I do not know by whom he was informed of *A. Nowell, Esq.* it, but I suppose Mrs. Groves; I know he was acquainted with it, from communications I had with him upon the subject.

Have you conversed with him upon the subject?—Yes, I have.

Was there any written engagement, with regard to the conditions of the deposit?—None whatever, that I recollect; but the deposit was made in such a manner, that I could at all times recall it; that was done by my man of business, my clerk I apprehend.

Had you any difficulty or any delay in getting back your deposit?—I think it was a fortnight after I demanded it before I received it, but I cannot recollect positively; I recollect wishing to receive it at a certain period, and I think it was ten days or a fortnight afterwards before I received it.

Do you know in what month Mrs. Groves left England for Ireland?—No; for I never heard of her, nor saw her, nor any of the parties before or since this transaction.

Did she tell you to whom she was related, or what station she held in life?—No; I understood to whom she was related, but I do not think she told me herself.

From whom did you understand it?—That I cannot charge my memory.

Was it from Donovan?—I cannot charge my memory; I understood that her name was originally Fitz Gibbon; but I know nothing of her, except from this circumstance.

Have you ever seen her by accident since?—Never since, to my knowledge.

Should you know her person, if you were to see her?—Certainly.

Through whose interest did she tell you she could procure this Writership?—I am not certain as to that, whether she ever did name to me the interest through which she expected to obtain it.

Did you deposit so large a sum of money without making any inquiries through whose interest she could obtain it?—I am not certain whether I was informed of the interest through which she was to get it or not, but I rather think I was not informed of it.

Endeavour to recollect?—I cannot charge my memory with it, sufficiently to say, that I was informed through what interest she was to obtain it.

Were you not informed, either by herself or Mr. Donovan, who her friends were through whom she was to obtain that appointment?—I cannot charge my memory with it so distinctly as to give in a name; I should risk the reputation of a person if I gave in a name, so slight is my recollection upon the subject; I should prefer not mentioning a name, because my recollection is so very slight, I am afraid to do it; but Mr. Donovan of course can answer to that. I cannot charge my memory that any certain person was named to me through whose interest the appointment was to be procured.

Was it not a natural inquiry for you to make before you deposited so large a sum of money?—It was immaterial to me, for the money was perfectly secure; supposing Sir Matthew Bloxam's house to be stable, which I understood to be the case, I had a chance of obtaining the appointment, and no risk of losing the money.

That would depend upon the manner in which the money was deposited?—It was certainly so deposited as to be recoverable by me; the very identical paper I received from Sir Matthew Bloxam, I do not recollect; but of course I must have had some security from the house that the money was recoverable at my call.

Is that paper in existence?—I do not know that it is; and think it most probable that it is not, that the document was destroyed after I received the money back.

It was through Miss Pratt you became acquainted with Mrs. Groves?—I know it was through Miss Pratt I became acquainted with the circumstance, and with Mrs. Groves.

Where

A. Nowell, Esq.

Where does Miss Pratt live?—She then lived in the same house; I have once seen her since, which was at Bath; I know nothing of her since, except as connected with this circumstance.

Did you know Mr. Reading, or Reding?—No, I never knew a gentleman of the name; indeed the business had so far slipped out of my memory, that it was after recollecting some time, and supposing what the investigation was to be, that I just recollected the names of Miss Pratt and Mrs. Groves, and I put them down in Saint James's Coffee House, having just recollected them, lest I should forget them.

Had you any letters or note from Mrs. Groves?—No; I apprehend not one in existence.

You probably received some during this transaction?—Yes, certainly I did; I am certain I did.

Do you think they were all destroyed?—Yes, I dare say they are; they were totally useless after the transaction ceased.

What was the reason given to you for this appointment not taking effect?—That I do not recollect; if the investigation had followed soon after the transaction, there are many trifling circumstances, perhaps, that I should have recollected, but now it is totally out of my recollection; and it is not without a considerable time thinking upon the subject, since Mr. Donovan's name was mentioned and the Committee was appointed, and I thought it probable I should be called upon, that I have recollected one half of the circumstances; they were totally out of my mind.

Have you any reason to think Mrs. Groves had the means of procuring any such appointment?—At the time that I had a conversation with her, I was induced to suppose she had, or I should never have gone so far in the transaction as to make a deposit.

What grounds did she lay before you in that conversation, to make you believe she had that interest?—I cannot recollect the grounds, or the circumstances, or the substance of the different conversations at all, but that she certainly did impress me with a belief that she should gain the appointment upon that sum of money being paid, or I should never have made the deposit; but I have totally forgotten the grounds, it is so long since; I beg to assure the Committee, there is not one circumstance, or one iota of the circumstances, I would not state, if I recollected them.

Do you suppose Sir Matthew Bloxam knows the quarter through which this Writership was to be procured?—I cannot charge my memory with it; he was acquainted with the occasion of the deposit being made; that I know from my communication with him.

You cannot charge your memory whether he knows the quarter?—I am certain that he knows that the deposit was made for that particular purpose.

From whom did you first hear that this business was to be investigated, and that you were likely to be examined?—I never heard it till I received the notice; but reading the paper, I saw Mr. Donovan's name brought into question, and the East India Patronage Committee appointed.

Have you had any conversation with Donovan since that time?—I have not seen him since.

Can you recollect any part of the conversation that passed between you and Sir Matthew Bloxam?—No, not particularly, excepting upon this subject; he knew perfectly well the subject of the business upon which the deposit was made.

Did you confide any knowledge to him you had about the persons through whom it was to be obtained, at the time?—No, I did not know the person through whose means; I only knew Mrs. Groves and Mr. Donovan in the business; I made no communication of my knowledge to him, nor could name any other persons; my recollection of these circumstances, from the lapse of time since, is so very indistinct, that I cannot charge my mind with many of the circumstances which must have passed, but I have related the prominent circumstances as fully as I can.

Have you any faint recollection of any name through whom this was to be procured?—I have a faint recollection; but it is so faint, and the subject is so delicate, I wish to decline stating it; if I am not distinct as to the person which might have been

been mentioned, through whose means it was expected to be obtained, I should think A. Norwell, Esq. it dishonourable to mention any name.

Are you sure you made no inquiries with regard to the channel through which this was to be obtained?—No, I am not certain; I think it is most probable that I did; it is likely that I made the strictest inquiries I could.

Do you think if any inquiry were made, leading towards the name, it would refresh your memory?—No; the person whose name you might mention to me would never refresh my memory with respect to the person.

Do you think it was through the channel of any Director?—I think it was; but this is what I am so diffident about not being clear; I think a Director was named to me.

Do you think you should recollect the name of the Director?—The question is, whether I am clear it was mentioned to me; I feel a difficulty in mentioning what I only think I do recollect, for the time is so long since that I scarcely have a recollection of it.

Was it to be obtained through the medium of a gentleman or a lady?—There was no other lady in the question, I think; I have no recollection of any other.

Are you sure of that?—As far as I can recollect.

You have had no other transaction with respect to Writerships or Cadetships?—No; nor never in my life had any underhand or indirect transaction with any man living, and I believe it will be the last.

Were you ever in the India service yourself?—Yes; I was in India twenty-one years; I was in the Company's service, in the military service, upwards of ten years of that time; the recollection I have of the name is so flight, such things have been talked of having been done in those channels; I do not recollect whether it was in this instance or not.

You are uncertain whether you confound your recollection of that circumstance with other things you have heard?—Yes; I have heard in common rumour, perhaps, of such things being done.

It having appeared before the Committee, that the names of persons have been used, who had no share in the transactions attributed to them, but whose names were merely brought forward as a swindling pretence, and such imputations laying the whole body of Directors under an imputation, unless the names are brought forward, and the transaction distinctly traced; under this impression, will you have the goodness to state the name suggested to you, to the best of your recollection?—Mr. Devaynes, to the best of my recollection; but I state this under the circumstance of a great lapse of time, not having had any thing to do with the transaction since.

Mr. GEORGE DAVIS.

Have you brought those letters which you mentioned yesterday?—Yes; I have been making most diligent search for Mrs. Groves's anonymous letter, desiring me to call at Charles-street, without effect; but here is a note she sent me by my servant, in answer to a note I wrote to her; it would appear from that, as if I had written a note to Mr. Reding, but I did not; the note referred to must have been addressed to Mrs. Groves. I recollect Mrs. Groves calling upon me and informing me, she was the mother of Lady Westmeath. Mr. G. Davis.

Was that in your first interview with her?—I think it was.

Have you any other note or paper which you suppose to be in Mrs. Groves's hand-writing?—I do not think I have; I have made a diligent search, but do not think I ever received any.

The Honourable A. C. BRADSHAW.

Are you acquainted with Mrs. Grove's hand-writing?—I think I am.

Is it Grove or Groves?—Mrs. Jefferies Grove. The Hon. A. C. Bradshaw.

*The Hon. A. C.
Bradshaw.*

Do you believe that to be her hand-writing (the note produced by Mr. Davis)? I am quite doubtful about it; she in general writes a very large hand indeed, and a very formal stiff hand. I was looking for some of her letters to day, but find they are in the country, about twenty miles from Town, where I am going on Saturday; I have none in Town; but if I was to give an opinion, I really do not think it her hand-writing, and yet I will not positively say the man's name at the head of it. I know she was unfortunately acquainted with Reading, a man I was very near, if it was the same man, being swindled out of a house by, and several other Members of the House; amongst the rest, Mr. Giles had been very near swindled in the same way, by the same man, a man who deals in Seats in Parliament, which makes me doubtful as to the writing; hers is a very large hand in general, I can shew the Committee several of her letters.

Mr. Davis.

Could you, by taking that and comparing it with some of her writing, give a more accurate opinion upon it?—I think I could apply where I know there are letters of hers, and could perhaps get better information against to-morrow; that lady came to town and lodged at the house of Mr. Donovan, and through that Mr. Donovan became acquainted with Mr. Reading; and innumerable instances of the traffic of these two gentlemen I could communicate to the Committee. (*Mr. Davis.*) I recollect the anonymous note I received was in a large hand.

(*To Mr. Davis.*) Have you every reason to believe that is not in existence?—I have; I think it must have been destroyed with others some years ago; this I found individually.

Was the name of any Director mentioned in this transaction with Mrs. Grove?—No.

Are you sure of that?—Oh, certain.

Was no other channel named, but that you alluded to yesterday, through which this Writership was likely to be procured?—I do not recollect that any other was.

Do you know at what banker's the money was deposited by Mr. Nowell?—I never heard that any was; for I introduced them together, and left them to arrange the business.

Did you see any written engagement?—No, I did not; I left them within a quarter of an hour after the general conversation they entered into; as to their acquaintances, I found there was a link of acquaintanceship.

Was Mr. Reading introduced to you by Mrs. Grove?—He was; she brought him to my house; I had never seen him before.

When did you see him last?—When he lived near me, which might be seven or eight months ago, I saw him go to the house, but never noticed him; he seemed a very extraordinary character; there were frequently clamours and violent knockings at the door, and violent accusations against his character by tradesmen and other persons.

JOHN BATTYE, Esq.

J. Battye, Esq.

What information did you communicate to Mr. Robinson relating to the sale of a Cadetship in his Patronage?—I told him that, having been at Bath and been in company with a gentleman of the name of Stoughton, and having understood, not from himself immediately, but from the gentleman at whose house we were, that he was going to send out his son as a Cadet to India, and that he had purchased it of a man of the name of Shee for five hundred guineas, I was amazed at such a sum, having heard by report of these having been done for two or three hundred, and by that man whom I thought I had seen committed to prison for a similar offence; I understand now it is not the same man. Having many friends in the India Direction, when I came to Town, I was willing to communicate to them this fact, and I went to the India House in company with Mr. Thellusson, to find out whose nomination it was. When we came there, Mr. Thellusson made the necessary inquiries, and told me it was a Mr. Abercrombie Robinson's; accordingly he spoke to Mr. Abercrombie Robinson in my presence; he was very much offended, and said he had given that nomination to Mr. Morland the banker; how Mr. Morland came to dispose of it he did not know, but on investigation he found out the fact.

How

How long since did this conversation pass at Bath?—The latter end of December, *J. Ballye, Esq.* or the beginning of January.

Was Mr. Stoughton present in the company where this transaction was mentioned?—I forget whether he dined there; he was not there at the time; he was gone out; and my friend told me my friend Stoughton has been doing so and so.

Did he say he had had that information from Mr. Stoughton himself?—He did; and Mr. Stoughton confirmed it.

To you?—He has since; not at that time.

To yourself?—Yes.

That he had given five hundred guineas?—Not the whole of it paid; I was very desirous, if I could, to get this gentleman out of the dilemma; and therefore I hoped he had not paid the money; and I found when I came to Town that he had not paid the whole of it, but £.400, and given an accepted bill for the remainder.

To whom had he paid it?—To Shee. I think this Shee being at Bath, and Mr. Stoughton having a horse Shee liked, he gave him this horse for fifty guineas in part, and, I believe, the other in cash.

On whom was the accepted bill drawn?—He says, on his banker at Bristol.

Do you know the name of the banker?—I never heard it, to the best of my recollection; I said, is your bill accepted? he said, the bankers never accept, and I believe they do not. I asked him when the bill would become due, and he said sometime in March.

Did he take any means for stopping the payment of that bill?—I do not think he did.

When did you see Mr. Stoughton last?—About three quarters of an hour ago; he came into my office just as I was coming up here.

Did he walk down with you?—No; he did not.

Did he acquaint you he was summoned to attend the Committee?—No; I told him I was, and he wondered, he said, that he was not.

Is not he resident at Ibbetson's hotel?—Yes, he is.

Do you know whether Mr. Stoughton had received any promissory note in return?—Yes; he shewed it me two or three days ago.

By whom was it drawn?—It was a promissory note by J. A. Shee; I promise to pay on demand, five hundred guineas for value received.

Was that a conditional note?—Just such a note as I should give to you, if you had lent me five hundred guineas; value received in cash, I think it is said.

What was the name of the gentleman from whom you received this information at Bath?—Captain Wynn, of the Royal Invalids, I think.

Do you know whether he is still at Bath?—He lives there.

In what street?—Henrietta-street.

This conversation passed at his house?—Yes.

Have you any acquaintance with Mr. Jones?—Not the least.

Have you had any conversation with Mr. Morland upon this transaction?—None.

State any other circumstances which may appear to you material, respecting which questions may not have been proposed?—Nothing occurs to me; I understood that the India Company, being very averse of course to these transactions, had declared that they would not admit a young man to go out, subsequent to any thing of this kind; Mr. Thelluson, who had been in the Direction, but is not now, seeing that I was a good deal concerned for this gentleman, whom I never saw, said you may make yourself easy, I will give him a nomination, provided the Company do not take it into consideration and give him one themselves.

J. Ballye, Esq.

In case the original appointment was vacated by order of the Court, Mr. Thelluffon would give him another?—Mr. Thelluffon cannot give an order, if the Court objects to it, but the Court may, if they choose to gratify the gentleman, they may have no objection to any other gentleman giving him a nomination.

Do you understand that this nomination has been vacated, in consequence of what has become public relating to this transaction?—Most assuredly.

You said you were astonished at the price of £. 500, for you had never heard of a higher price than 200 or 300; to what specific case do you refer?—I do not know any specific case, it is only what I have heard by report; Directors have at different times obliged me with six or seven as mere favour.

You cannot give the Committee any clue of any Writership or Cadetship which has been sold?—No; gentlemen may have heard of such things, as I have, but I know of no transaction of the kind.

Do you happen to know whether this Shee was a young man or an elderly man?—I only know from Mr. Shee that he was a young man about twenty-seven; when I saw the note, I gave as my opinion that it was a son, for this is J. A. Shee; the father's name is Annesley Shee.

He was prosecuted by the Company, was not he, or at their suggestion?—They were concerned, and I by chance was in Court when it was tried.

The Honourable A. C. BRADSHAW.

*The Hon. A. C.
Bradshaw.*

Do you know that Mrs. Grove was in England in the spring of the year 1806?—Yes; she was.

Do you know where she lived or lodged during that time?—In Charles Street, whether at Mr. Donovan's or opposite I do not know, for she changed from one to the other, but at what period I do not recollect.

Was she, during any part of that time, in the house of Donovan?—Certainly.

Have you heard her say how she became acquainted with Mr. Donovan?—I have not; I particularly recollect remonstrating with her upon her acquaintance with Mr. Donovan, from his character at that time; she was certainly unacquainted with his character when she came to lodge there.

Do you know whether she was acquainted with Mr. Reading?—Certainly.

Did you ever see him in her company?—No, never; the way I know she was acquainted was having, as an executor, a house to sell in York Street; and she sent him to me, to purchase it from me.

Do you know of any transaction which Mrs. Grove had with Mr. Donovan and Mr. Reading, or either of them, relating to a Writership?—A young gentleman of the name of O'Hara, the nephew of a brother-in-law of mine, came over to this Country, with a letter for me from his uncle Colonel Taylor, requesting that I would not let the young man get into any scrape; that his father was very anxious for him to go out to India, and that he had brought a letter from Mrs. Jefferies Grove to Mr. Donovan, who was to procure him this Writership; when he came to me, he begged of me to go with him to Mr. Donovan, which I declined, telling him the character which I had always heard of Mr. Donovan, and that I would not wish my name to be concerned in any transaction of that nature. I asked him the money he had brought with him, and he told me £. 3,500; that he was to give £. 3,200 for the Writership; but his father said, if there was any difficulty about two or three hundred more, not to prevent his getting it; he had his money in his writing box. I asked him who was his father's banker; I forgot who it was, but I went with him to his father's banker, and made him lodge his money there; in a week afterwards, precisely, he came to me, and told me that the Writership was procured, that he was to be at the India House on the following Thursday, but he must remove his money from his father's banker to Mr. Donovan's banker, in Henrietta Street, Covent Garden. I earnestly recommended to him not to do so till every thing had passed, whatever forms were usual at the India House; that the bankers, one of them, should state to Mr. Donovan that the money was there, and that it should be handed over to him as soon as those forms had been perfected; he went back to Mr. Donovan, and told him that Mr. Cavendish Bradshaw had given him that advice;

advice; the reply Mr. Donovan made, was, does Mr. Cavendish Bradshaw know any thing of this transaction?—Yes. Then I make my bow to you, Sir, and have nothing more to do with the transaction; and there was an end of it, and I never heard any more of it.

*The Hon. A. C.
Bradshaw.*

How long after that did Mrs. Grove come to England?—I do not recollect the dates.

Do you know any thing of any second transaction with regard to a Writership?—None at all.

Did Mr. O'Hara procure a Writership afterwards?—No, he did not; he returned to Ireland.

Do you happen to know whether Mrs. Grove has any particular acquaintance with Lady Castlereagh?—I do not know; I never heard that she had.

She has no relationship to her Ladyship?—None at all.

Has she any particular connexion with the County of Down?—No, I believe not.

Do you happen ever to have heard her speak of Lady Castlereagh, or any part of that family, as having particular intimacy?—Not particular intimacy; acquaintance I know she has; I know she visits Lady Castlereagh.

Do you know in whose gift the appointment, which Mr. Donovan offered to Mr. O'Hara, was supposed to be?—No; the impression upon my mind was that there was no such Writership; that it was a swindling transaction, particularly from the anxiety of Mr. Donovan to have the money removed, before the young man had gone through the forms at the India House.

Do you happen to know what channel of interest Mr. Reading pretended to have in the India House?—No; I never saw Mr. Reading but once in my life, when he came about my house.

Do you know what induced Donovan to make his bow so abruptly to the young gentleman, when your name was mentioned?—I suppose he was afraid of the publicity of the transaction; and I believe he had a pretty strong suspicion, from my representations to Mrs. Grove, that I had not the best opinion of his character; indeed I had wished her to remove from those lodgings, from the character I had heard from various quarters of Mr. Donovan.

Mr. JOHN ANNESLEY SHEE.

Do you know Mr. Stoughton?—I do.

*Mr. J. Annesley
Shee.*

How long have you known him?—Three, or four, or five years.

Upon what occasion did you first become acquainted with him?—I knew him in a general way, as I know any body else.

When did you last meet Mr. Stoughton at Bath?—I think about four or five weeks ago.

Had you any transaction with him with regard to the disposal of a Cadetship?—Yes; I had.

What was your conversation with him upon that subject?—Mr. Stoughton was anxious to send out his son to India as a Cadet, and asked me whether it was in my power to do it; I said, I believed it would be in my power.

Through what means had you it in your power to procure this appointment?—Through Mr. Jones.

Was Mr. Jones at Bath at the time?—He was not at the time I was at Bath, I had no certainty of being able to do it till I came to Town.

How did you know, at the time you spoke to Mr. Stoughton, that you should have it in your power to procure this appointment through Mr. Jones?—I did not know any thing of Mr. Jones at that time.

How did you first become acquainted with Mr. Jones?—Mr. Jones came to me; he applied to me as having a Cadetship to dispose of.

At what time?—Five or six weeks ago; I do not know the time exactly.

*Mr. J. Annesley
Shee.*

How was he led to apply to you?—I understood in consequence of an advertisement.

Had you advertised?—Yes; very frequently.

When Mr. Jones came to you upon this subject what passed?—Mr. Jones told me he had got an opportunity of a Cadetship for a nephew of his; that he did not wish him to go to India, but wished him to stay at home, and asked me whether there would be a possibility of getting any thing at home for him; my answer was, that I had no doubt I should be able to effect such an arrangement.

Did you communicate this to Mr. Stoughton?—I did.

What passed between you and Mr. Stoughton upon that subject?—Mr. Stoughton said he had no doubt he should have interest sufficient to effect what was wanted.

Did you receive any money from Mr. Stoughton?—I did not.

Are you sure of that?—Positive.

Did you receive no money, nor bill, nor obligation for money?—No.

Nor promissory note?—No; the business is not completed yet; it is not effected on both sides yet.

Did you give to Mr. Stoughton any promissory note?—No, I did not.

Are you sure that you gave to Mr. Stoughton no promissory note?—I did not give him any promissory note.

Are you sure that he did not receive any promissory note, signed by you, for a certain sum of money?—He did not; not signed by me, certainly.

Are you sure that he received no promissory note for a certain sum of money on your account, signed by yourself or any other person?—I do not know that he did.

Do you know that he did not?—I do not know that he did not.

Do you not know that he did?—I do not.

Do you not know that he received a promissory note for £.500, or five hundred guineas, for value received upon your account?—No, I believe not; I do not know that he did.

Answer directly.—I do not not know that he did.

Do you know that he did not?—I do not know that he did not.

Do you not know that he did?—I do not know that he did.

What are your Christian names?—John Annesley.

How do you usually sign your name?—J. A. Shee.

Are you sure that no promissory note has been put into Mr. Stoughton's hand, with that signature?—As far as I know, I am positive.

Did you buy any horse of Mr. Stoughton, at Bath?—I did.

How did you pay for that horse?—I have not paid for it at all.

In what manner are you to pay for it?—When this transaction is closed, I do not apprehend Mr. Stoughton will require me to pay for it at all.

Did you receive from him any draft for money?—No.

Upon a banker at Bristol?—Yes, I did, certainly.

What was the amount of that draft?—£.100.

Was it for no more than £.100?—Only for £.100.

When did you receive that?—I believe three or four weeks ago.

Did you receive it in London?—I did not.

Where did you receive it?—At Bath.

Upon what banker was that note drawn?—I do not recollect.

Was it Elton?—I do not recollect.

Stuckey?—I do not recollect.

Harford?—I think that was the name.

What did you do with that note?—I have negotiated it.

Have you received the money for it?—I have.

Are you sure it was no more than £.100?—I am positive.

What other note, or draft, or money did you receive from Mr. Stoughton?—Do you mean relating to this transaction.

What

What other note, or draft, or money did you receive from Mr. Stoughton?—Am *Mr. J. Annesley*
I to open my private affairs. *Shee.*

You must answer the question put to you?—I have received several sums of him; I am in Mr. Stoughton's debt.

When did you last receive any sum of money from Mr. Stoughton?—About three or four weeks ago.

What was the last sum you received from Mr. Stoughton?—That bill of £. 100, which I have just mentioned.

What other sums have you received from Mr. Stoughton?—I am in Mr. Stoughton's debt I suppose about £. 400 or £. 450.

Have you ever given to Mr. Stoughton any acknowledgement of that debt?—Yes.

Did you give it in the way of a promissory note?—Yes, I did.

To what amount did you give a promissory note to Mr. Stoughton?—I believe £. 500, as for money that I was indebted to him.

How was that note signed?—J. A. Shee.

The following questions and answers were read.

“Do you not know that he received a promissory note for £. 500, or five hundred guineas, for value received upon your account?—No, I believe not; I do not know that he did.—Answer directly?—I do not know that he did.—Do you know that he did not?—I do not know that he did not—Do you not know that he did?—I do not know that he did.”

I considered that question as referring to the Cadetship, not to private transactions of money lent.

[The Witness was directed to withdraw. The Committee determined that John Annesley Shee has, in the evidence given before this Committee, been guilty of gross prevarication; that the Chairman do move the house, that John Annesley Shee, for this offence, be committed to the Custody of the Serjeant at Arms.]

Mr. JOHN MILLS.

Will you look at that small note, and say whether it is the hand writing of Mrs. Grove?—I believe it is not; when Mr. Bradshaw brought me this paper, he asked me whether I knew the writing; I said, I did not. *Mr. J. Mills.*

Are you so well acquainted with Mrs. Grove's hand writing, that, in all probability on a paper of her writing being presented to you, you would know it?—I think so; her hand writing in general is much stronger than this, as you will see by the very first paper I put my hand upon; the G is made very differently, this is a different letter; the large G is not turned at all; the C's in o'Clock are different.

Are the interlineations in the letter you have produced her hand writing?—No, I do not think they are; I rather think, that those interlineations are the hand writing of one of my clerks.

Do you recollect Mrs. Jefferies Grove being in London, in the Spring of the year 1806?—No, I do not; I could tell if I was at home; I should think she was not in London in the Spring of 1806.

Have you any knowledge of any transactions between a man of the name of Donovan and Mrs. Grove?—No, not at all.

Or between a man of the name of Reading and Mrs. Grove?—No; I only know that Mrs. Grove lived at Donovan's, but that I believe was quite accidental, from Mr. Bradshaw having a house opposite; and, in consequence of there not being room, she and Mrs. Taylor went over to Donovan's; she has lodged twice at Donovan's, or the next door; that must be about four years ago; but I never heard that she had had any connexion whatever with Mr. Donovan when she was in London last, except lodging at his house.

Did she ever talk with you upon the subject of a Writership?—Never any thing of the kind.

THOMAS STOUGHTON, Esq.

Mr. Stoughton.

How long have you been acquainted with Mr. Shee?—In a general way about four years, merely knowing that his name was Shee.

Had you any transaction with Mr. Shee about the month of December last, at Bath?—I had a transaction with him in the course of November, a correspondence.

Upon what subject was that correspondence?—It was respecting a Bengal Cavalry Cadetship for my son; I have a letter here, dated the 4th of November.

Did he offer to procure for you that appointment?—Hearing that he was in the brokerage of commissions at large, I applied first to him.

In consequence of an advertisement?—No; in consequence of hearing generally amongst my acquaintance that he was in that kind of line. At the India House I was induced to sign a paper, which is declaratory that I had not given any pecuniary consideration, from the affections a father has towards his son, and also feeling perhaps that Mr. Shee was brought to public notice through some inadvertence in my family talking of this Cadetship being purchased; and when the Committee asked me, I did not declare the whole of the particulars; but I will inform this Committee of the whole of the particulars: On the 4th of November Mr. Shee wrote to me, to say that he could get me a Bengal Cavalry Cadetship or one in the Artillery or Engineers, in any Presidency; also a Bengal Writership, price 3,500 guineas; the former appointments 500 guineas each, that is, the Bengal Cavalry, the Artillery, and the Engineers.

Is that letter in Mr. Shee's hand-writing?—Yes it is.

[Mr. Stoughton delivered in a letter from Mr. Shee to himself, dated 4th November.]

I have some relations in India, and my brother is more acquainted with these subjects; I intended my son for the law, but he was inclined to go to India, and I indulged his propensities: I answered that letter, and said I would pay him 200 guineas, and 150 in three months, and 150 in four months.

[Mr. Stoughton delivered in letters from Mr. Shee to himself, dated 23d November, 30th November, and 19th of December 1808.]

In consequence of his letter I wrote to him immediately, to say I would accept the Madras Cavalry Cadetship. I closed for the Madras Cavalry at 500 guineas. I came up on the 1st of January with my son, that was Sunday; he told me that the next Court day was Wednesday, when my son could pass, and that he would introduce me to a gentleman, Mr. Jones, who lives in Harley-street, who had the appointment. On the Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock, my son and I waited on Mr. Jones, whom I had never seen before, to accompany him to the India House. When we got there, instead of going into the India House, Mr. Jones saying that I had better not appear, for that I might be asked some questions, I went to an opposite coffee-house, to be called by Mr. Jones if necessary. I delivered to Mr. Jones the certificate from the Minister and Churchwardens of the Parish, and also my own of the boy's age, Mr. Abercrombie Robinson came up to him, and my son was taken into the Committee room, to shew that he was of sound health and so on, and another Director, Mr. Majoribanks, with whom I am acquainted, passed him; on which they were referred to Mr. Abington, the Clerk, but Mr. Abington said, it was necessary I should come to his office; on which Mr. Jones and my son came across the way where I was remaining for them, and I went to Mr. Abington's office, and he produced one of the printed papers, which is a declaration, that I did not by myself or my friend directly or indirectly give any money or other consideration for this appointment; that paper I signed, under the impression which I have mentioned before, that it was a sort of *nolo episcopari*, more a thing of office than any thing else. In my answer at the India House, I said I did not give any pecuniary consideration; in which I certainly told what was not true, which I am sorry for having done. My son had his card of nomination, and Mr. Abington, the Clerk, said, that all that could be done then was done. I returned on the Saturday afterwards, the 7th of the month, to Bath to my family, and remained at Bath until the 9th of February. About the beginning of February, the 2d or 3d, I wrote to Mr. Rundle, who is Reader in the East India Company's Service, who knows me very well, to request he would have the

the commission made out, and a passage taken on board Captain Cambridge, of the Surrey, on which he applied to Mr. Abington, the Clerk, and Mr. Abington told Mr. Rundle that he, Mr. Abington, would write to me himself. Mr. Abington wrote to me a letter dated the 7th of February, saying that the Shipping Committee had withheld their orders for my son taking his passage, understanding that the commission was obtained irregularly, or that there was some irregularity, and desired that I would attend the East India Committee on their Court days, which were Wednesdays and Fridays. On coming to town, I consulted Mr. Battye, and he told me he believed I had got into bad hands; when I mentioned Shee's name he advised me to get a security for my 500 guineas which I had paid, to get that back. I called on Shee, and he had been acquainted with the circumstances that this negotiation had got wind, and got to the knowledge of the Directors; but, says he, you can easily do away the pecuniary consideration, for I will give you my note of hand for 500 guineas, and then you can conscientiously say you have paid no money. In consequence of previous conversation with Mr. Battye, I had provided myself with the proper stamp for that sum, and he drew his note of hand payable to me on demand. This is the state of the account, which I prepared.

Mr. Stoughton.

[Mr. Stoughton delivered in a state of the account, and the bill he had received from Mr. Shee.]

I waited on the Shipping Committee of the East India Company on the 17th instant, and, having this memorandum, this note, I was hardy enough to say that the pecuniary consideration was done away, that no pecuniary consideration was to be given.

Had you any other transactions with Mr. Shee?—No, never any other transactions in my life.

Was the whole of this money which you paid to him, paid on account of this Cadetship?—Except the £. 1. 16. which was for travelling expences.

What part of the five hundred guineas has Mr. Shee actually received?—Two hundred pounds in Bank of England notes. On the 5th of January I paid him £. 200. We set off for Bath, and he said, When you get to Bath will do extremely well; I said, my brother is at Cheltenham, and he has some floating money of mine, perhaps £. 1,400.; it will depend upon what my agent has sent over by him. For seven or eight days he could not come over, on account of the severity of the weather; and this man said, If you will give me your paper, it will do very well; I can convert it into money. I gave him a draft at two months date, on Harford, Davis & Co. and he drew another bill on me. He said, he should not want any more than that sum; but in an hour and a half he informed me, that, if it was the same thing to me, he should rather have a bill drawn upon me to accept for the balance, and he discounted it, I believe.

Have you stopped the payment of the note?—No; in Bristol the usage is not to accept bills; bills after sight they must accept; but bills after date, the usage of the city of Bristol is not to accept.

Will he then receive the whole of this money from you?—If he has discounted my bills, I do not see that I can withhold it by any means.

What mode have you for recovering this money?—Only prosecuting him on the note he has given me.

What passed between you and Mr. Jones on the subject?—Mr. Shee told me, the evening of Tuesday the 3d of January, I have made every arrangement for your son to pass to-morrow at the India House, and if you will call on Mr. Jones in Harley-street, he will go with you to the India House. Accordingly, my son and I called upon Mr. Jones in a hackney-coach, and he came into the coach to us. I was not in his house; I never saw him before; and we drove to the India House. On his coming into the coach, I found he was partly a Monmouthshire man, and knew me perfectly well, and my connexions in the country. There was no talk of money or of the transaction; all the transaction with me was with Mr. Shee.

Was there no transaction with Mr. Jones, relating to an exchange of an appointment at home for an appointment abroad?—Not at the original time. I went with him to the India House, and he introduced my son to Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Robinson passed him as a friend of Mr. Jones; in fact, the Cadetship was given by Mr.

Robinson

Mr. Stoughton.

Robinson to Mr. Morland, and Mr. Morland to Mr. Jones. Mr. Morland told me so himself, that he wanted a Cadetship for a grandson of his. In the meantime, Mr. Morland being out of town, some of the partners in the house, connected as they are with India business, applied for a Cadetship for Mr. Morland's grandson, so that he found his grandson had been provided with a Cadetship, and he gave this to Mr. Jones. On the 10th of this month, on my return to London, I saw Mr. Jones; it was then first that I had any conversation with him upon the business.

What conversation have you had with Mr. Jones, relating to any exchange?—This five hundred guineas which was given to me by Mr. Shee's promissory note, was a palliative to me to say, I had given no pecuniary consideration; and Mr. Jones talked of having a Woolwich Cadetship, and that I would exert my interest. I had told him in conversation, more than any thing else about my son's going to India, that Mr. Hanbury Tracey was anxious his brother should remain in England, and he spoke to me about it. I told him I did not wish my son to go to India; it was no predilection of mine, but the boy was so anxious, I could not resist his inclinations. He said, I have been writing to Chester, and to Fitzharris, Lord Malmesbury's son, to speak to Lord Chatham to enable my son to study out of the Woolwich Academy. This conversation came to the knowledge of Mr. Jones, and he said that for his nephew he wished an appointment of that kind, a Woolwich Cadetship, and that he was to get a Woolwich Cadetship for his nephew; and that in order to enable him to do that, he had taken from Shee part of my money, £. 180. The transaction was this, that Shee was to receive 500 guineas from me; he actually gave £. 180. to Mr. Jones, and Mr. Jones gave him an undertaking for £. 320. more, as I understood from Mr. Jones, to be paid Shee when Shee procured a Woolwich Cadetship. But that was not at all through me, I had nothing at all to do with it; I did not at all engage to procure any such thing; all I wanted was to pay 500 guineas, and get my son out. That was all that passed with Mr. Shee, and I never heard of this, from Mr. Jones, till I came to town.

Had you any transaction with Mr. Jones relating to the exchange of this appointment for an appointment at home?—No, I had not.

Did you engage to use any interest of yours on behalf of Mr. Jones or his friend?—No, I did not; but it was mentioned to me by Mr. Jones, to make a finesse to deceive the East India Company respecting it; I had nothing to do in it; I had no engagement of the sort at all.

Did you consider yourself bound in any way in honour to Mr. Jones, to use any interest you might have to procure an appointment in the Artillery or at Woolwich?—No, I did not feel myself bound at all.

Was the whole of that transaction relating to the Woolwich Cadetship between Mr. Jones and Mr. Shee, or were you in any way a party to it?—Not the least party at all, not a party in the least degree to it; but they told me there was another person concerned, whose name has not appeared to the Shipping Committee or to you, a Mr. Mee, who was to procure some Cadetship; I was told so by Mr. Shee, in conversation, that he was to procure, I believe, a Woolwich Cadetship.

Had that conversation any reference to any appointment under the East India Company?—No, I did not understand it to have any reference to East India appointments.

Is the Committee to understand, that you believe the reason for Mr. Jones's mentioning this transaction to you was, that your money was in fact passed from Mr. Shee to him?—Yes, he told me that it was; that Shee got a very exorbitant price, having got five hundred guineas from me, for which he did pay to Mr. Jones £. 180. and that if Shee was to procure Mr. Jones an Artillery Cadetship, Mr. Jones was to pay him a further sum of £. 320. making it £. 500.; that Mr. Jones felt as if he took this £. 180. for his nephew's interest; and that Shee promised to get him a Woolwich appointment for £. 320. more, which Mr. Jones gave his undertaking to pay, when obtained.

Did you understand from Mr. Jones, that the whole which he received for the appointment was £. 180. of your money?—Yes.

State what passed in conversation, relating to the possibility of your transacting between yourselves the exchange of this appointment, if you had not previously engaged with

with Shée.—Mr. Jones said, it was a pity he and I had not come together before, so as to understand our respective wants; that he would willingly have given me the Madras Cadetship for my promising to use my interest to procure for him a Woolwich Military Cadetship, he, knowing my connections, would have been very well satisfied with my promising in that way, without any writing or any engagement, or any pecuniary mulct or forfeiture in case I failed, but, fairly between gentleman and gentleman, get me a Woolwich Cadetship or any other appointment, and I will give you my honour that you are not to pay any money, if he and I had come together as two gentlemen.

Mr. Stoughton,

Were the certificates which you delivered to the India House regularly signed?—Yes, they were; I delivered two certificates, one from the Clergyman and Churchwardens of the parish, as to the age of the boy, and written in my own hand-writing, "I certify the above to be true."

Are they in the hand-writing of the persons whose signatures they bore?—I wrote to the Clergyman at Pontypool, being myself at Bath, to request that he would send me over a certificate of Henry's age, with the signatures of himself and the Churchwardens, and he wrote me a letter enclosing that certificate; the writing of the Vicar I knew perfectly well, and knew it was his hand-writing, and I believe it was the writing of the Churchwardens, and the other was my own signature at the bottom, signed "Thomas Stoughton, father."

Was any objection made at the India House to the certificate?—The gentlemen thought that my other signature was not the same hand-writing. Mr. Abington's desk or place where he sits is extremely confined, and he handed me the paper, and said it was necessary for me to sign the paper, I did it standing up, and the bar of the thing came over, so that I wrote not as I generally do, but with my elbow up, and that might make some little difference in the writing; but they were *bonâ fide* both written by myself, that was written in the presence of Mr. Abington.

Do you know any thing of any of those proposals mentioned in Mr. Shée's letter, a Bengal Writership and two or three Cadetships?—No, I know nothing of the parties in any of them, directly or indirectly, nor that any other appointment, either Civil or Military, was to be procured, except that which came from Mr. Robinson; I do not know from whom the original Bengal Cadetship which was offered to me was to come, nor do I know any other of the parties.

Sir MATTHEW BLOXAM.

How long have you been acquainted with Mr. Nowell?—I do not know him, though I think I once saw him, and I will state the time; I think I must have seen him about the 12th of March 1806.

Sir M. Bloxam,

Upon what occasion did you then see him?—There was money paid into our Banking-house, £.3,500. on the 12th of March 1806; here is a statement of the Notes that were paid; they were paid to a partner of mine by Mr. Horsley, on account of Mr. Alexander Nowell. I did not know Mr. Horsley nor Mr. Nowell.

Were they paid in in Mr. Nowell's name only?—A receipt was given for them; they were paid to Mr. Taylor, a partner of mine, and the receipt was given in the name of Horsley on account of Alexander Nowell. Nowell, I believe, never attended at that time.

Do you know the condition upon which the money was lodged in your house?—Not from either of those gentlemen, I had no sort of conversation with them.

Do you know, from any other person, upon what condition the money was lodged?—I apprehend I do; I apprehend it was lodged on the recommendation of a person of the name of Donovan.

From whom did you understand that?—From Donovan; he said there would be a sum of money lodged at our house, but I was not at home when the money was lodged, it was received by my partner.

Had you a conversation with Donovan relating to this money being about to be lodged?—I think I had; it was sometime before.

Sir M. Bloxam.

How long before the money was actually lodged?—I believe it might be a month; Donovan told me that a sum of money would be lodged at our house.

For what purpose did Donovan say it would be lodged at your house?—I understood from Donovan it was to be lodged in those parties names, on account of a Writership.

Did he say that the Writership was to be obtained for Mr. Nowell, or his relation?—I do not recollect that he did.

Did he state for whom it was to be obtained?—No, I do not recollect that he did.

Did Donovan state to you through whose interest or patronage that appointment was to be procured?—Not the least in the world.

By whom was that money drawn out?—It was repaid back again to the party that lodged it; it was repaid on the 13th of June.

Was it paid back to Mr. Nowell or his order?—It could not be paid to any one else, because they took our receipt for it; we could not have paid it to anybody else. Mr. Taylor received it, and gave a receipt to Horsley on account of Alexander Nowell, so that Alexander Nowell must have taken it back.

Was any memorandum entered on the receipt or on the back of the receipt?—Not the least, that I am aware of.

Did you ever see any written memorandum with regard to this transaction?—No.

Was any interest paid by you for this money?—Not at all.

Was any money paid to Donovan on account of this transaction?—Not a farthing; the money was merely lodged, and we gave the money back again to Mr. Nowell.

Do you know Mrs. Groves?—No, I do not.

Do you know a Mr. Reding, or Reading?—No, I do not.

Did Donovan mention the names of those persons, or any other persons, except Mr. Nowell, as connected with this transaction?—Not to my knowledge.

Have you any other circumstances you can communicate to the Committee relating to this transaction, that would enable them to trace it to its source?—No, I was not at home when the money was paid in; it was paid by Horsley, whom I never saw in my life, on account of Alexander Nowell, and they came on the 13th of June and took it away.

Does Mr. Donovan keep any account at your house?—He does.

What account did he give to you of the termination of this transaction?—Not the least on earth.

Had you any conversation with him about the failure of this transaction?—No.

Has Donovan lodged at any time any other sum or sums of money in your house on account of any appointment under the East India Company?—Never, nor upon any other occasion; he has had a small account with us.

Has he an account with your house now?—Certainly.

When did you happen to see him last?—I have not seen him this month or six weeks.

Have you never had any conversation with him upon this transaction, subsequently to the money being drawn out?—No.

Was there any hesitation about paying Mr. Nowell back the money?—No, I fancy not; Mr. Nowell brought the receipt, and we were obliged to pay him.

Are you sure you had no conversation with Mr. Nowell upon the subject?—No, I was not at home, I believe, when the money was paid back.

Do you recollect any conversation passing between Mr. Nowell and yourself?—No, I do not recollect any conversation, we merely took in the money as bankers; I neither knew Mr. Nowell nor Mr. Horsley.

Would you have refused to take in money for any illegal purpose, supposing that was expressed, and to return it when called upon?—If any gentleman came and deposited

deposited money in our house, we should give him a receipt for it, it is done every day; *Sir M. Bloxam.*
we never ask for what purpose it is deposited; in the present case I knew, because
Donovan told me.

Was money ever left at your shop, where Donovan was concerned in a similar transaction?—No, never.

Mr. JOSHUA HOUGHTON GARRETT.

How long have you been acquainted with Mr. Donovan?—Seven or eight and *Mr. Garrett.*
twenty years, ever since 1782; he and I served in a regiment together, in the Ame-
rican war.

Have you been concerned in any transactions with Mr. Donovan, relating to the sale of appointments under the East India Company?—There was a Writership that was obtained through some person that he was acquainted with, and for that I received 250 guineas, as a compliment for my trouble.

For whom was it obtained?—I do not know the young gentleman that was sent out, I never saw him.

How long since was that transaction?—Last season, I think.

Is that the only transaction of the kind in which you have been engaged with Mr. Donovan?—It is the only transaction of the kind.

What other appointments under the East India Company have you ever been concerned in?—None, with any person whatever; and when I took the 250 guineas, I did not conceive there was any thing wrong in it, and it was necessity compelled me.

Do you know through whose Patronage that Writership was obtained?—No, nor what sum of money was lodged, nor who received it, nor which way it went.

How came you to receive so large a sum of money for your part in the transaction?—That was the agreement, that if it was carried into effect I should receive a present.

With whom was your agreement?—With Mr. Donovan.

Did you recommend the party who bought, or the party who sold, to Mr. Donovan?—I recommended the friends of the young gentleman who received the appointment.

Who were those friends?—A Mr. Beale.

Where does he live?—In Fitzroy-square.

How was Mr. Beale known to you?—I forget exactly now, he might have been mentioned to me by some friend; persons get acquainted in a way they cannot immediately recollect.

Was it by any advertisement in the newspaper you became acquainted with him?—I do not know but that it was.

Do you know of any other transactions respecting the sale of East India appointments, which Mr. Donovan has transacted, without your participation?—I do not.

Did you ever transact any Cadetship?—No, never.

How long have you been concerned as an agent or broker for matters of this sort?—Very lately; the very first transaction was this Writership to Bengal that I had to do with any India concerns at all.

What put it into your head to begin this sort of business?—Necessity compelled me; what was I to do with a family, who are now in prison with myself, not from extravagance or imprudence.

Did Mr. Donovan recommend you to begin this sort of traffic?—No, he did not.

What subsequent transactions have you been engaged in with Mr. Donovan or any body else?—Nothing of this kind.

Have you advertised in the newspapers since?—No.

Mr. Garrett.

Were there not two advertisements you put in, about the time of this transaction with Mr. Beale?—I believe there were, two which related to the same thing.

Were you at Mr. Beale's house a month or two or more previous to the second transaction?—I was at his house but twice.

What was the occasion of your going there the first time?—In consequence of a letter I received from him.

State what passed.—He told me that there was a young man, to whom he was guardian, that he wished to send out to India, and asked me, whether among my connections or acquaintance such a thing could be obtained; that there would be a compliment made for the trouble which the party might take in the business; but nothing was mentioned about purchase, no expression of the kind.

What was the compliment expected at that time?—3,500 guineas; it was understood to be that, but whether that was lodged I do not know.

From whom was that Writership to be obtained?—I do not know, for Mr. Donovan had had some previous conversation upon the subject.

Did that transaction continue so as to be completed by the appointment?—That transaction continued.

Recollect yourself.—As to the appointment with respect to the young man that went out, it was still the same thing.

Was it a continued transaction, and did you give Mr. Beale to understand that it related to the same appointment?—He wanted the same appointment for the young man; but it was first proposed through another channel; the second application was the means through which the appointment was effected.

What was the occasion of the negotiation being interrupted between you and Mr. Beale?—The demands were too extravagant.

What did you demand in the first instance?—I made no demand, but the parties who were to procure this wanted 4,000 guineas, and Mr. Beale said it was too much.

Who were those parties?—I was introduced to a gentleman, I forget his name, he writes I believe for the Morning Post, he introduced me to a gentleman at Lloyd's, of the name of Mr. Abbott, or Arbuthnot, I think his name is Peter Abbott, I believe he is a ship-broker, or something of that kind, and he mentioned some other person, but that it could not be obtained under 4,000 guineas; he said he would have nothing to do with it, and it came to nothing.

Who was the other person whom you mentioned?—I do not recollect, he said he only did it to serve some friend or some acquaintance of his.

Did Mr. Abbott commission you to negotiate the sale of this appointment?—No.

Did Mr. Abbott commission you to negotiate this appointment?—No; I was introduced to him by a gentleman who lives at No. 10, Spring Gardens, who writes for the Morning Post; he said I shall leave you together; upon which I asked him the sum, he said 4,000 guineas; I said that was too much.

Did he commission you to sell this appointment for 4,000 guineas?—No; when I found the sum, I said it was too much.

Did you mention this sum to Mr. Beale?—I did.

By whom did you consider yourself as commissioned to make that offer to Mr. Beale?—From Mr. Abbott, from the conversation which took place with him.

Who was the person whose name Mr. Abbott mentioned to you, as having this appointment at his disposal?—He did not mention any name to me.

Are you sure that he did not mention any name to you?—I do not recollect his mentioning any person's name.

Did he say that it was at his own disposal?—No; that it was with some other person.

Are you sure he did not name any other person in whose disposal it was?—I think he did not.

Are you positive that he did not?—I have no recollection that any other name was mentioned; a conversation took place at Lloyd's between him and me, just outside the bar.

Mr. Garrett.

Where does Mr. Abbott live now?—I do not know.

Where did he live then?—I do not know.

Did you never see him afterwards?—Not on any business of this kind.

Did you acquaint him with the result of your communication with Mr. Beale?—Yes; I said it was too much.

How long afterwards was your second communication with Mr. Abbott?—Three or four days.

Where was that?—At Lloyd's.

Did Mr. Beale say that the sum asked was too great?—He said it was more than ought to be given.

How long after that had you a second communication with Mr. Beale?—I cannot recollect.

Was it a month or two months?—Perhaps it might.

Were you sent for to Mr. Beale?—I waited upon Mr. Beale in consequence of a letter I received, requesting that I would call upon him.

What passed upon that second conversation?—The second conversation was, that such a thing could be had, and for such a sum.

What was the sum then mentioned?—3,500 guineas.

From whom did you receive that second commission to offer the appointment for 3,500 guineas?—From Mr. Donovan.

Was this the same appointment you have mentioned before?—Yes.

How do you know that this was the same appointment you have mentioned before?—I do not know whether it was through the same channel, but it was the same young man that I applied for in the first instance.

Was it the same appointment?—I do not know whether it was the same appointment.

Was it the same nomination?—I cannot tell; it was not the same party that I got it through, I got it through Mr. Donovan.

Is the Committee to understand, that you were commissioned to sell the first appointment for Mr. Abbott's benefit, and the second for Mr. Donovan's benefit?—Certainly, they were distinct.

Do you believe that they certainly were distinct appointments?—I do. I do not know that they knew each other at all.

Do you know what became of Mr. Abbott's appointment?—No.

Do you know in whose Patronage this appointment of Mr. Donovan's was?—No.

Do you know Mr. Tahourdin, in Argyle-street?—I know him so far as this, that I was a tenant of his once.

Had you any conversation with him upon the subject of this appointment?—Not a syllable.

Did you know then, or did you know since, that he was concerned in this transaction?—I do not know who was concerned to this moment, nor which way it came, I never asked any questions of Mr. Donovan; I received the money of him, and there was an end of it, and I never asked Mr. Beale any further.

Are you sure this is the only transaction in which you have been concerned at any time, relating to the disposal of East India Patronage?—I am confident of that.

Had you, at any other time, any transactions with Mr. Abbott?—No.

Do you know the Christian name of Mr. Abbott?—The man that stands there called him Peter Abbott.

Mr. Garrett.

What was he?—Whether he is a ship insurance-broker or a stock-broker I do not know.

Had you no curiosity to know from whom he was to get it?—No; I did not suppose he would tell me, and I did not ask him.

What did the writer of the Morning Post say when he introduced you to Mr. Abbott?—He said he would introduce me to a gentleman, who, he said, he believed had it in his power to get it.

How came you and the writer of the Morning Post to converse upon this subject; did he come to you or did you go to him?—I cannot tell.

Where did he first converse with you upon the subject?—I first conversed with him at his house, No. 10, Spring Gardens.

Was any body present?—No.

Did he send for you to come to his house?—I forget whether any person was sent to me or not.

When did this conversation take place between you and Mr. Abbott?—It was last season.

What were you to have for negotiating that of Abbott's?—There was no agreement made as to what remuneration I was to receive, for the thing dropt in a very few words.

You carried the proposition to Mr. Beale?—That was the second time.

What knowledge did the writer of the Morning Post tell you he had of Mr. Abbott?—I do not recollect; he said he could introduce me to a gentleman who he had no doubt could accomplish my friend's wish.

Was there an advertisement in the Morning Post previous to that?—I believe there was.

Do you recollect telling Mr. Beale, that the price was raised since your first conversation with him, that the person in whose disposal it was, was so exorbitant as to ask a larger price than he had asked at first?—Mr. Beale understood it would not be more than 3,500; but when I came to converse with the party, he asked 4000; and I communicated that to Mr. Beale, and he said there was an end of that.

Did you converse with Mr. Beale before you saw Mr. Abbott?—Certainly, or I could not have made any proposition to him.

Then you must have had two conversations with Mr. Beale on the first Writership?—Certainly, and two upon the second.

Did you not say before, that you had only two conversations in all with Mr. Beale?—No, I do not recollect that I said so, if I did, it was a mistake.

Mr. JAMES GARRETT.

Mr. J. Garrett.

Are you the son of the last Witness?—I am.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Donovan?—Yes, I am.

Have you ever transacted any business with him in the way of agency or brokerage?—No, I have not.

Have you ever been concerned with your father in transactions of that kind?—No; I have been the bearer probably of some communications from my father to Mr. Donovan, but never any thing on my own account.

Did you insert any advertisements in the paper, with regard to the sale of any such appointment?—I have at the request of my father written them for him.

When did you last write any such advertisement?—I cannot say at this distance of time, it was some months ago.

Have you written any in the course of the present year?—Yes, I think I have written one or two in the course of the present year.

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Was any one of those for an appointment under the East India Company?—Yes, Mr. J. Garrett.
I think there was one.

What passed in consequence of that advertisement?—I am not acquainted with what passed.

Are you sure you are not acquainted with what passed?—No.

Was the person advertising, inquiring for a situation or offering one?—I cannot say, it was neither offering nor inquiring for one; it was any gentleman who was desirous of a situation of the kind.

Was any application made to you or to your father, in consequence of that advertisement?—I never heard of any.

Do you know Mr. Abbott?—No.

Were you at any time with your father when he went to Lloyd's Coffee House.—I was several times, in the course of last year, at Lloyd's Coffee-house.

Did you see him in conversation with a Mr. Abbott?—No, I do not recollect the name at all.

Do you know a Mr. Arbuthnot?—No; I might have seen my father in conversation with a gentleman there, but I did not know his name.

When did you see Mr. Donovan last?—I have not seen Mr. Donovan these four or five months.

Have you ever been employed by him in any of these transactions?—Never; perhaps things of this kind might have been mentioned to me, but I never was concerned in any.

Have you ever inserted any advertisements for him, relating to these appointments?—No.

Do you know Mr. Reding, or Reading?—No, I do not.

Do you know Mr. Shee?—Yes, I do; I have seen him with my father.

Have you ever been concerned with him in any transactions of this sort?—Never.

Do you know two Mr. Shees, or only one?—Only one.

Is he a young man?—Yes, about twenty-eight.

Do you know where he lives?—No, I do not.

Do you know whether he goes by any other name besides that of Shee?—I never knew him go by any other name but that of Shee.

How long have you known him?—Seven or eight months.

What was the first occasion of your knowing him?—Seeing him with my father.

Do you know what business he transacted with your father?—No, I do not.

Did you ever see a writer in the Morning Post with your father, that lives in Spring Gardens?—No, I never did; my father might have seen him at the house when I was not with him.

MR. JEREMIAH JAMES REDING.

Are you acquainted with Mrs. Grove?—Yes.

Mr. Reding.

How long have you known her?—Almost ever since my birth; I believe Mrs. Grove was my godmother, at least she has told me so.

Did she acquaint you that she could obtain a Writership under the East India Company?—Never.

Did she at any time commission you to negotiate the sale of any such appointment?—I have been called upon, without giving me three minutes notice, to come hither; without knowing what I was to be brought hither upon, or having time to look at any papers; I do not recollect that Mrs. Grove ever has, I do not think she ever has.

Mr. Redin.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Donovan?—The only knowledge I have of him is, that I believe it was at his house Mrs. Grove lodged; I had the honour of knowing Mrs. Grove; and I had been given to understand, he was in the habit of negotiating those things, and on that account I have seen Mr. Donovan, both before and since she left his house.

Were you ever concerned in any of these transactions with Mr. Donovan?—About the sale of Commissions to the East Indies, never; he and I were not till lately upon any such terms; I disliked the man, I held him in a different kind of rank to that sort of man I would open my mind to.

In what year did Mrs. Grove lodge at Mr. Donovan's house?—She lodged there, I believe, in 1805 and 1806.

Cannot you recollect having any conversation with Mrs. Grove on business of this sort in the spring of the year 1806?—Am I to understand Mrs. Grove was on the sale of any thing of the kind, or proposed the sale.

Do you recollect any conversation with Mrs. Grove, with relation to any appointment of this sort, in the spring of the year 1806?—Writers or Cadets I have not any knowledge of; but what I will now say is, a thing of this kind was in contemplation, but not through Mrs. Grove, nor through Mr. Donovan; there was an exchange to be made instead of a Writership, for something else; but it was not to be done by way of money; and this died away, and the thing ended, it did not proceed.

Was it by the way of any church preferment?—Never, nothing of the kind.

What exchange was in contemplation at that time?—I beg leave to ask whether this is a thing I must answer; I have no interest in it; but if I answer this, I may subject myself to the censure of this Honourable House, and expose parties; the thing died away, the subject died away, and I fear I shall have your displeasure, though I have no wish to do it.

[The Chairman informed the Witness he must answer the Question.]

Then it was for a seat in this Honourable House.

Do you know Mr. Davies, of Northumberland-street?—Yes, I do.

Had you ever any conversation with him, relating to appointments under the East India Company?—That is what I alluded to before.

What conversation had you with Mr. Davies upon that subject?—The conversation I had with Mr. Davies was, a party wanted a sum of money, but the other party were to give a seat, and this money was to go in that sort of negotiation.

Was the sum of money to procure any appointment under the East India Company?—Yes, in one shape; but the seat was to be given to those who could get that appointment made.

Was a Writership to be procured by the sum of money to be so given?—Not without getting a seat as a remuneration for the Writership, which did not take place, and it died away.

By whom was the money to be given for the Writership?—By Mr. Livie.

Where does he live?—In the City.

Where?—Austin Friars.

What is he?—A very honourable and honest man, a respectable man, a merchant.

To whom was he to give this sum of money for the Writership?—He was to give this sum of money, to pay part of it to me, part to Mr. Davies, another part was to go to Mrs. Grove, a relation, I do not believe to herself exactly, but to a relation.

It was to be paid into her hands?—I do not know that; she never said that to me, nor I to her.

What was the sum of money to be paid?—The sum of money to be paid was, as near as I can recollect, £. 3,000. or guineas; and this Mr. Davies, whom I did not know his character at that time, took to himself to shoot up £. 500. in addition, on which account I dropped the subject; I met them at Lloyd's Coffee-house: I never saw

saw Mr. Livie before he introduced him to me. Though Mr. Livie is my Plaintiff now, and holds me in custody, he is a very honest, honourable man.

Mr. Reding.

Did he pay any money, or deposit any money upon this account?—I do not know that he deposited any money upon this account.

Did he pay any money upon this account?—Not that I know of.

Have you received any money of him upon this account?—Not upon this account; but I received a sum of money, for which I gave him my note of hand; I borrowed it of him; for which he has my note of hand, and upon which he holds me now in custody.

What sum is that?—£. 1,000.

How long have you known Mr. Livie?—I cannot say exactly what part of the year 1806, or whether it was the latter end of 1805. Not knowing what business I was called here upon, if I am permitted to examine my papers, I will be more correct.

Have you any papers relating to this, or any transaction of the same kind, in your custody?—I do not know that I have; I cannot say whether I have or not.

What was the first occasion of your acquaintance with Mr. Livie?—I was introduced to him by Mr. Davies.

Had you any other transaction or business with Mr. Livie, but this?—Mr. Livie and I were in the habit of visiting each other, and Mrs. Livie visited Mrs. Reding after this introduction.

Was it upon Mr. Davies's introduction that your acquaintance and visiting commenced?—It was.

Did Mr. Davies introduce you for any other purpose but that of negotiating this business of the Writership, and the seat in Parliament?—I do not know that Mr. Davies knew any thing about the seat in Parliament.

Did he introduce you for any other purpose but that of negotiating the Writership?—I do not think he did, I believe that was the origin of the subject.

Had you any other transactions in the way of business or money with Mr. Livie?—I had no other transaction but that, and visiting him as a gentleman, and his visiting me in the same manner; and Mrs. Livie visited Mrs. Reding, and his brother-in-law and family visited us, though I am now in an unpleasant situation.

Upon what occasion did you apply to him for the loan of £. 1,000?—I was pressed for money, and asked Mr. Livie to lend me the money; I had it for some time; and told him, as near as I can recollect, Mr. Livie, I may not live, I have no lease of my life any more than any body else, and you had better take a memorandum, which I gave him: I met him at Lloyd's Coffee-house, I think; his answer was, What signifies your giving me a note of hand between you and me; I said, I have no lease of my life, I may die to-morrow, and you will have nothing to show; and we went and bought a stamp, and I gave it to him.

In what month did this pass?—I cannot state, without referring to my papers.

In what year was it?—In 1806.

About how long was it after your first acquaintance with Mr. Livie, that you borrowed this £. 1000. of him?—I really cannot say, without reference to my memorandum.

Was it three months?—I should imagine it must have been more.

Was it six months?—It is in my recollection at this moment that there was six months interest, that it must have been more than that; he made the note for the real sum of £. 1000. I said to him, there is an interest upon this, Mr. Livie, and it is absolutely necessary to add the interest, for if I had it of any body else, I should pay interest for it. That circumstance brings to my recollection, that it must be, and I have hardly a doubt of it, that it must have been six months.

Was the loan made to you a considerable time before you gave the promissory note?—From this circumstance, that I now explain, it must have been.

Mr. Reding.

How long after your acquaintance with this gentleman, did he make you the loan of £. 1,000.?—I cannot give a plain answer, without reference to my documents.

At the time this money was lent to you, did you suppose you should be called upon to repay it to Mr. Livie?—Certainly; I never borrowed money of any man that I have not paid, but this, and I will pay this as soon as I can.

Did you not suppose that this obligation was to be discharged in some other way, and not by repayment of the sum itself?—If the thing which I have just explained had taken place, that is, if the parties had been satisfied, the one party to give the Writership, and the other the seat, I dare say it is possible that I should not have been called upon; but as that did not take place, I had a right to pay this gentleman his money.

Did you expect, at the time the money was lent to you, you should be called upon to repay this sum of money?—I did expect to pay it certainly, if the thing did not go on; if the thing went on I should not have paid it.

Did you expect the transaction to go on?—I did.

Then if you expected the transaction to go on, did you expect to be called upon to repay the money?—No, certainly not, if the thing was completed.

What was the understood condition of this agreement?—That if the one had not the seat, the other was not to have the Writership; that was the way I understood it.

Through whose means was the Writership to be procured?—I beg to ask permission, if it is not too great a favour, to wait till I examine my accounts.

Answer to the best of your recollection.—This Writership was to be received from one of the Members of the Board of Controul originally. It is a thing that I have no wish to displease this House in, in any shape whatever, but it is hard I should be obliged to disclose the secrets.

It is necessary you should disclose every thing you know; through which of the Members of the Board of Controul did you understand this appointment was to be obtained?—The Earl of Clancarty.

How did you know it was to be obtained through his means?—I waited upon his Lordship, and he wrote to me afterwards to come to him. I wrote to another Nobleman, a friend of mine.

Who was that other Nobleman?—That Nobleman is now dead; it was the Marquis of Sligo.

You wrote to him?—I had the honour of being very intimate with him; I told him, if this one thing could be done, I would manage to assist his friend to get the other.

Which was to be got for his friend, the Writership or the seat in Parliament?—The seat in Parliament.

Did he give you any letter to Lord Clancarty?—None; the Marquis of Sligo called at my house at different times, and we conversed upon this subject, and I received a letter to come to the Board of Controul.

From whom was that letter?—Lord Clancarty. Before I obeyed this note, I waited upon the Marquis of Sligo, and told him I had a letter; he said, I know you have, it is my man. I did not know Lord Clancarty at that time. In consequence of this letter, I came to the Board of Controul, and several steps of negotiation took place respecting this seat and this thing. I did not know that I was doing wrong, for it was not selling the seat.

What conversation passed between you and Lord Clancarty?—We have had so many conversations, that, without reference to my documents, I cannot say; I have many of his notes.

Have you notes relating to this transaction now in your possession?—He does not say any thing further in the notes, but only desiring I will call at such a time.

Then how will looking at those notes enable you to communicate any circumstances to the Committee which you cannot now?—Because I generally made some remarks and private memorandums, to see where I had to answer, where I had to wait. Perhaps I had a dozen letters or more, from different people, when I came home.

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Did you make memorandums at the time of the conversations that passed between you and Lord Clancarty?—No memorandums have I respecting what had passed, but I bore in mind, whenever I looked at his notes, what the nature of the things were.

Mr. Reding.

Why did you say you had documents at home that would enable you to give a more distinct account to the Committee?—The only reason I said that was, as to the days of the months.

What passed in your first conversation with Lord Clancarty?—Lord Clancarty wrote to me to come to him; he said, if I was able to do one thing, he would be able to do the other; and therefore this went on for a length of time. I went away, waited upon my friends for some time, once or twice or three times, and I called upon Lord Sligo.

Did you carry a letter of introduction from Lord Sligo to Lord Clancarty?—Never; Lord Sligo called at my house, and I do believe Lord Clancarty called; I think he left his card at my house; I lived then near Grosvenor-square.

How did you introduce yourself to Lord Clancarty, the first time?—In consequence of his letter.

Did he state in his letter for what purpose he wished to see you?—No, I do not think there is any statement of that kind in the letter.

Was it in consequence of an application from Lord Sligo, that Lord Clancarty desired to see you the first time?—I do not know. In consequence of my letter from Lord Clancarty, I waited upon Lord Sligo and told him; he said yes, it was his wish that such a thing should take place.

What led Lord Clancarty to write a letter to you?—I really do not know whether it was through Lord Sligo or through my Lord Castlereagh; it must have been through one of those Noblemen.

What acquaintance have you with Lord Castlereagh?—The little acquaintance I have with him was through Lord Sligo, very little, next to none.

When did you first become acquainted with Lord Castlereagh?—I never had but one interview with Lord Castlereagh in my life.

At what time was that?—That I cannot downright say; but it was the latter end of the year 1805, or the beginning of 1806. I can refer to documents as to that, when I get home, from which I will satisfy the Committee.

Why did you suppose that Lord Clancarty's letter desiring to see you should have been written in consequence of an application from Lord Castlereagh, whom you had never seen but once in your life?—Lord Castlereagh being in the same office where Lord Clancarty was; I never saw Lord Clancarty before.

Did you know Lord Castlereagh before?—I saw him once.

Was that before your interview with Lord Clancarty?—I believe it was, but I cannot be absolutely positive.

What conversation had you with Lord Castlereagh at that interview?—I cannot at this moment recollect.

Did you make any proposal to him with regard to a Writership?—I do not know that I did; it is my opinion that I did not.

Did you make any proposal to him with regard to a seat in Parliament?—I rather think I have.

Recollect, so as to be accurate.—The pursuit I had in view at that time, was that thing; and I do think I have (if I have not in those words, I have in some degree) intimated it perhaps not in blunt language.

Do you believe that in your first interview with Lord Castlereagh, you intimated either in blunt or in polite language, any thing with regard to procuring a seat in Parliament?—I believe it was on something of that kind that I waited upon his Lordship, by a note from Lord Castlereagh, by appointment.

Are you sure that you ever received any note from Lord Castlereagh appointing a meeting?—I am.

Mr. Reding.

Have you any such note in your possession?—I have.

What were you?—A gentleman; I never was in any business; I had always enough to live upon.

When Lord Clancarty said, if you can do one thing can you do another, did he mean the Seat and the Writership?—Those words are not to be explained; it is understood these things are not to be publicly said in downright English language.

Have you any doubt, that in speaking of this to be done, and that to be received, he understood as well as yourself, that one alluded to a Writership and the other to a seat in Parliament?—Not a shadow.

Where was the seat?—The seat was in Ireland.

For what Borough or County?—It was on the recommendation of Lord Sligo that it was to be done, I do not know exactly the name of the place.

A seat that Lord Sligo could influence?—I do not know that it was downright his own, but he could get such a thing effected.

Produce any papers you have brought, in consequence of the orders of the Committee yesterday, relating in any degree to the transactions respecting which you were questioned.—As far as relates to this subject, any thing I should be called here for I am willing to explain. Having been unfortunately taken away, I thought I could put my hand upon many memorandums, but I find that both Mrs. Reding and my servants have thrown away letters and memorandums that I cannot at this moment account for; but I have selected as many as I thought would throw light upon this subject, and have brought them here.

[A Letter from Lord Castlereagh, dated 24th Nov. 1805, was read.]

Is that the only note you had from Lord Castlereagh?—I have been examining, and can find no other; if I can find it among other bundles of papers, I will bring it with pleasure.

Do you remember receiving any other note or letter from Lord Castlereagh?—I believe I did, but it was the same sort of thing, a complimentary note. I recollect that I received a note from Lord Castlereagh, appointing a meeting in Downing-street; I went there, and his secretary, Mr. Cooke, asked me what my business was; I told him I had not come to him, I came to wait upon Lord Castlereagh, and I would not tell him my business, and I went away; he was offended I would not tell him, and I was offended he asked me; and Lord Castlereagh wrote to me again.

Did you see Lord Castlereagh in consequence of this note or a second note?—I did see him, but I cannot say whether it was in consequence of this note or another.

In what month did you see him?—I believe it was about that time; I should imagine it was in consequence of that letter, or another, within a week or ten days.

About the end of November 1805?—Yes, I should imagine that was about the time: it must have been this, or a letter that passed a few days before or after this, which I have produced.

What passed in that conversation?—My Lord Castlereagh, when I was introduced to him, asked me the name of the principal, and where the seat was; I told him, as a gentleman, I could not tell him that, I was bound to secrecy to my friend, if his Lordship did not wave that question, I must think no more of it; on which his Lordship was highly offended, and we parted, and I never spoke to Lord Castlereagh since, that I recollect.

How did he know that you had any proposal to make to him, relative to a seat in Parliament?—I believe I wrote him to that effect.

Have you any copy of that letter?—I cannot find any such letter; what is become of it I do not know.

Did you write to him without any previous introduction, or was your letter inclosed

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or forwarded from Lord Sligo, or any other friend?—No, I wrote to him myself, as near as I can recollect, without making use of the name of any person.

Mr. Reding.

Did you see Lord Castlereagh more than once upon this subject?—I do not recollect that I did.

Have you seen him since upon any other subject, so as to converse with him?—No, I do not know that I have; it appeared to me at that period he was offended with my conduct for not telling him; I felt myself bound to my friend, and therefore I chose to lose his friendship rather than divulge the secret.

Did you see him before that interview, upon any other subject?—Not on any subject of business.

Had you ever any conversation with him, before that conversation you have just mentioned?—I do not know whether I had been at any card-table where he was; I believe I was; I resorted to friends houses to which he did; nothing on any business.

Had you any acquaintance with him before you saw him in Downing-street?—I could not claim any acquaintance with his Lordship before, only meeting at other persons houses.

Did you mention anything to him in that conversation, relating to a Writership or East India appointment?—I was introduced in consequence either of his note or some other; I sent up my card, and he sent for me; and he asked me where the place was, and who the proprietor was.

That relates to the seat in Parliament?—Yes; I declined answering the question, and he was highly offended, and I took myself away.

Did any thing pass in that conversation relating to any appointment under the East India Company?—I do not remember that there did.

Have you given to the Committee the whole substance of that conversation?—As far as I recollect, I have.

How long did it continue?—I do not suppose it continued above ten minutes or a quarter of an hour.

Did it continue so long as that?—It might, I cannot be positive to so long a time ago; it might have been less.

Were you not dismissed from the conversation with seeming displeasure on the part of Lord Castlereagh?—It appeared so, I was offended myself.

Have you any letter from Lord Clancarty?—I have.

[Letter read from Lord Clancarty, dated the 29th of October, 1805.]

Did you see Lord Clancarty in consequence of this letter?—I did.

What passed between you in that conversation?—I told Lord Clancarty, (I am not confident whether it was in that first conversation or not) if he would stir to get a young gentleman to India, we would return him to Parliament.

Him, Lord Clancarty?—Yes, him, Lord Clancarty.

What did he say in answer to that proposal?—Lord Clancarty, as nearly as I can recollect, told me it would be an object of great moment to Ministers, and to Lord Castlereagh. I believe he was then out of Parliament; I think it was before Lord Castlereagh got in for Boroughbridge. He said it is a great object to Lord Castlereagh, or any other branch of the Administration, to get into Parliament; will you tell me where this is; I said I must be circumspect. Before I embarked in this thing, I was not aware I was doing any thing which would incur the displeasure of the House of Commons. I said, your Lordship is superior to any claim that the House of Commons has, and I shall be left in the lurch; he said no, I am not, for I am only an Irish Peer; I said I was not aware of that, I thought he was one of the returned Members; I said I had no wish to incur the displeasure of the House of Commons, if I could do any thing to oblige his Lordship or Lord Castlereagh, I should be very happy, but not being able to do it without running a risk, I think I had better drop it; he said no, I am as subject as you are to the censure of the House of Commons; then his Lordship said, if I would come to him again, the business might perhaps go on, on which

Mr. Reding. account I received some other notes from his Lordship. The notes I have written to him I cannot find, but here are his answers.

[Letter from Lord Clancarty, dated Terrace, Spring Gardens, Wednesday evening, read.]

Mr. Reding.—That was since the other, the note that Lord Castlereagh had sent him was the original one, I had not the honour of knowing him before that.

[Letter from Lord Clancarty, dated Terrace, Saturday, read.]

[Letter from Lord Clancarty, dated India Board, Thursday, read.]

Have you shewn the Committee all the notes you have of Lord Clancarty?—I have shewn all I can find.

What passed at this meeting which you had with Lord Clancarty?—I agreed with him, in one word, that had he given a friend of mine an appointment to India, he, Lord Clancarty, should be returned to Parliament. Lord Clancarty was afterwards desirous to know from me where he was to be returned for, and by whom; I told him at all times, because I was confident of my friend, that it would not cost him a single guinea, if he would get the appointment for this young gentleman, my friend should return him; and these are the letters on that subject, though they may be written in words which the world are not to understand.

No person can understand any thing from those letters, but that you were appointed at different times to see Lord Clancarty, either at his own house or the India Board: what passed in the conversations you had in consequence?—We came to an understanding, that if Lord Clancarty would send this friend of mine, a young gentleman, to India, he as a remuneration should have a seat in this Honourable House.

Did Lord Clancarty close with that bargain?—Lord Clancarty was satisfied, and it would have been effected, if it was not, I believe, for this very fellow of the name of Davies; I have a notion he was the occasion of my being unfortunately hauled about; I can charge nobody else in my mind.

Did Lord Clancarty agree with you to appoint your friend to a Writership in India, if you in return, by means of some friend of your's, engaged to return his Lordship to Parliament?—He did.

Do you recollect in which of your conversations it was, that this agreement was finally concluded?—It was the general subject of our meeting, but I cannot tell exactly when it was concluded; it was the sole subject of our meetings.

Did you communicate to Lord Clancarty who your friend was by whom he should be returned to Parliament?—I refused telling Lord Clancarty that.

Did you in no part of the negotiation communicate it to him?—No; it is my opinion I always refused it, for I had a great deal of delicacy to tell my friend's name.

Do you mean to say that he promised the Indian appointment to your friend, without knowing the name of the person, or the seat for which he was to be returned to Parliament?—He asked me, on the conclusion of things, who was to return him; I told him that I would take upon me the business should be concluded, because I was not at all alarmed about the friendship of my friend; I was satisfied he would do it; I never knew him say or do any thing, but that of a man of the strictest honour.

Was Lord Clancarty satisfied with this?—I called upon him in the morning, and he asked me something about it, which I do not at this moment recollect; I told him I would come back again in a little time; my horses were in New-street, Spring Gardens, I got on horseback and rode up to my friend, conversed with him, rode back again, and on my return I met Lord Clancarty in his carriage, going out; I answered him in this way; he said he was going about some particular business; he asked me this, are you satisfied about this thing being done; I said, I will give your Lordship a bond to any amount whatever, that the thing will be done without delay; his Lordship said, that bond would not be worth a penny; not being a lawyer, I felt myself hurt, and I rode away and left his Lordship: and by this sort of conduct he was offended with me, and I was highly offended with him to dispute this, because I had not a doubt my friend would do what was proper, or I would not offer a bond.

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Mr. Reding.

Did the transaction break off upon this conversation?—It did.

Had you any subsequent conversation on the same subject with Lord Clancarty?—I do not think I had, for I understood this man of the name of Davies made a piece of work about it, and I never spoke to Davies; I would not speak in the street, and I desired my servants, if he came, never to let him come into the house. When I met Lord Clancarty since, he has said, how do you do, Mr. Reding, nothing more.

Is this a true account of the termination of that transaction?—It is, as far as I can recollect.

Did you mention to Lord Clancarty the name of the person for whom you wished this appointment to be obtained in India?—I really do not know whether I did or did not.

Recollect yourself.—I have not the power to satisfy myself, whether I did or did not.

Who was the person for whom you wished to procure the appointment?—A Mr. Ogg.

Who is Mr. Ogg?—He is a young gentleman who lived in Gloucester-street, or Devonshire-street, Queen-square, Bloomsbury.

How was he known to you?—He is known to me through the interference of Mr. Davies, of Northumberland-street.

What sum of money was Mr. Ogg to give you for procuring this appointment?—I understood from Mr. Ogg at first it was to be £. 3,000., at least, from Mr. Davies, then on going to Lloyd's Coffee-house, I found it was to be £. 3,500. I told them they were all a set of shufflers, for there was a larger sum of money than I knew any thing about, and I would have nothing more to do with it: whether it was pounds or guineas, I do not recollect.

Did your transaction with Mr. Ogg break off in consequence of this circumstance?—No, it did not, my transaction with Mr. Ogg broke off in consequence of Lord Clancarty being offended, and I being offended; and besides that, I understood that this man of the name of Davies sent some papers to Lord Clancarty, on which I concluded, and all parties concluded, it was most prudent to drop further negotiation upon the subject.

Was any money deposited by Mr. Ogg?—Never; not to me or any body, that I know of.

Were you to receive the whole sum of £. 3,000. or guineas from Mr. Ogg?—From his friends I was to receive it; but it was not to be put into my pocket, though for the moment I was to receive it, it was to be given in different ways.

In what ways was it to be divided, and between whom?—Some part was to go for agency to Davies.

What part was he to have?—I never mentioned to him to have more than common commission at five per-cent.; another part was to be given to a relation of Mrs. Grove.

What relation?—I do not know how nearly related this young lady was to her.

What was her name?—I am not positive, without looking to documents which I did not think I should want to-day.

What was to be done with the remainder?—Part of it was commission to me.

What part of the sum of 3,000 guineas or pounds had you, distinct to yourself?—A commission.

At the rate of five per cent.?—Yes; if my friend chose to make a present of more, I should not say a word against it.

Was a commission at five per-cent. upon £. 3,000. or guineas, all that you expected in return for returning a Member to Parliament?—That was all that I expected to have eventually for myself; if my friend wished to do me any other service, I was very willing to obey his commands.

Was Mr. Ogg, who was to receive the appointment to the East Indies, to pay any more than 3,000 guineas or pounds?—I understood, when I went to Lloyd's

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Coffee-house, that he was to pay 500 pounds or guineas more, on which I turned my back on all the parties; I would not have any thing more to do with Davies, because I found he meant to deceive me and the parties.

What other parties were concerned, besides Davies?—Mr. Livie, the brother-in-law of Mr. Ogg.

Do you mean, in saying you turned your back upon all the parties, that you turned your back upon Mr. Davies and Mr. Livie?—Yes.

Was there any body besides?—Mr. Ogg was in the room with us.

Did you not continue your negotiation with Mr. Ogg upon this subject?—Mr. Ogg called at my house at different times, and his sister, Mrs. Livie; I did not ever after speak a word to Mr. Davies.

Did the negotiation go on with Mr. Ogg after this time or not?—It died away in the manner I have stated, in consequence of what passed with Lord Clancarty.

Did it die away in consequence of your turning your back upon these parties?—From the circumstance of this Mr. Davies sending to Lord Clancarty, I was afraid all our names would be exposed, and I dropped all further negotiation with him.

Did you drop all further negotiation with Mr. Ogg?—Mr. Ogg and I had no further business, from that period to the present.

Was the whole advantage you expected to derive to yourself for returning a Member to Parliament, a commission of five per-cent. upon £.3,000. or guineas?—I did not even with that, or ask that at the time; I would do that without, to oblige my friend, without a shilling, and be at any expence to serve him.

What friend are you speaking of?—Lord Sligo.

How could Lord Sligo be benefitted by returning a Member to Parliament who was a stranger to him?—That was within his own breast; I cannot account for that.

How could you suppose he would be obliged by making such a return to Parliament?—He had given me those directions, and I complied with them.

What directions did he give to you?—To negotiate with Lord Clancarty.

Was Lord Sligo interested in the appointment of Mr. Ogg to India?—How far that was, I cannot answer.

Did you ever hear Lord Sligo mention the name of Mr. Ogg?—Lord Sligo and I at various times talked of Mr. Ogg's name without reserve, when I have had the honour of being with him in his room.

Did you first mention the name of Mr. Ogg to Lord Sligo, or Lord Sligo to you?—I cannot answer that, it is out of my power.

By whom was the name of Mr. Ogg first mentioned to you?—By Mrs. Grove, I think.

Have you any reason to believe that Mr. Ogg was acquainted with Lord Sligo?—I do not know; I cannot say that Mr. Ogg was acquainted with Lord Sligo, nor I cannot take upon myself to say he was not.

Did you ever see him in company with Lord Sligo?—Never.

Did you ever hear Lord Sligo talk of him as an acquaintance?—No; I do not suppose Lord Sligo would be acquainted with a man, unless it was his own particular friend.

What benefit could Lord Sligo derive from Mr. Ogg's appointment to India?—That I cannot answer.

Was he to receive any part of the £.3,000. or guineas?—I do not know that he was.

Do you know that he was not?—I do not know that he was not.

In your answer relating to the distribution of this money, why did you not include the name of Lord Sligo, if he was to receive any part of the money?—I do not know now that he was to receive any part of the money.

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Did he know what sum was to be paid by Mr. Ogg for the Writership?—I told him. I was with Lord Sligo almost every morning, three and four times in the day, and there was not a thing kept unknown from his Lordship by myself.

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Did you tell him into what shares that money was intended to be divided?—I do not know at this moment whether I have or have not; I would with pleasure tell if I could; perhaps I may find some memorandum by and by, that would throw light upon it. Here are Lord Sligo's notes to me.

Did you at any time communicate to Lord Sligo that he was to derive any pecuniary advantage in consequence of returning Lord Clancarty to Parliament?—I always told Lord Sligo what was doing: I do not know that I have exactly told him in what way the money was to be divided, or in what shares; I do not remember that I have.

Did you ever see Lord Sligo in company with Mrs. Grove?—I do not know that I have; but I was very intimate with the late Lord Hawarden, and I have seen the late Lord Hawarden in company with Lord Sligo, and we have talked on the subject.

On what subject did you talk with Lord Hawarden?—On the subject of the return of Lord Clancarty to Parliament; at that period Lord Hawarden wished to go to Parliament himself, but he had not it in his power to do that that he wanted to do as a return.

Did you mention this circumstance to Lord Hawarden in the presence of Lord Sligo?—I was very intimate with Lord Hawarden at that period, and had the honour of visiting him and he visited me, and I told him one morning when he called upon me, that I thought it was in my power to do him that service, and that I would in preference to a gentleman that I knew nothing of; but I believe I did not know at that period, and I asked him whether he would influence his relations, the Archbishop his father-in-law, or any other relation, to get a similar thing; I had meetings two or three times upon it, and he told me he could not do it, and I told Lord Sligo the same.

Did you communicate to Lord Hawarden, that you had the disposal of one of Lord Sligo's seats in Parliament?—I did not make use of any such language, but that I thought I had it in my power to do him a service in that way.

Do you know what part of the three thousand pounds or guineas Lord Sligo expected to receive for returning Lord Clancarty to Parliament?—I am at a loss how to answer that question.

What benefit was he to derive from returning Lord Clancarty to Parliament?—I cannot answer what benefit he was to derive.

Had Lord Sligo any conversation with Lord Clancarty in your presence?—Lord Clancarty came in, one day, to Lord Sligo's house, and said, when the servant announced his name, here is Mr. Reding; and Lord Clancarty asked me how I was, and asked me if I knew a Mrs. somebody, I do not know the name now; I told him I did not; and on the next day, for in a day or two I received an anonymous letter which I suspected came from this very Mr. Davies. Lord Sligo was then gone to Ireland; I wrote to him in Ireland, and here is his Lordship's answer to that.

Had Lord Sligo any conversation with Lord Clancarty in your presence?—He had, so far as that, coming in one morning to Lord Sligo's house.

Did any conversation pass at that time on the subject of this transaction?—All that I recollect was, Lord Clancarty asked me, Do you know a Mrs. somebody; I answered that I did not know such a name; and I took for granted that something unpleasant had occurred from his mentioning a name that I did not know any thing about.

How could his mentioning a name that you knew nothing about, give you to understand that something unpleasant had occurred?—Because I did not know the name of this person, and at that time Lord Clancarty had done almost with the negotiation; we had dropped it.

Did not you say before, that you had never seen Lord Clancarty so as to converse with him, after this negotiation was dropped?—I said I did not see Lord Castlereagh; I do not conceive now that it is exactly the same subject; he asked me at Lord Sligo's, whether I knew a Mrs. somebody, Tipper or some such name, and I told him I did

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not know such a person. If that is entering into the merits of the thing again, I cannot say as to that. In a few days after this, I received an anonymous letter, threatening that Lord Clancarty, Lord Sligo, and Mr. Livie and myself should be exposed, and I took it for granted this threatening letter came from that fellow of the name of Davies, and I never answered it, I took no notice of it; I made some particular inquiries as to the hand-writing, and I took it for granted it was this fellow of the name of Davies; I wrote to Lord Sligo, and here is his Lordship's answer.

[The letter read, dated the 11th August 1806.]

Do you know Lord Sligo's hand-writing?—I do; that is his hand-writing, and all those are his hand-writing.

[Note from the Marquis of Sligo, dated Grafton-street, Wednesday, read.]

To what place does that allude?—I should imagine, but I will not be positive, the feat.

Do you not know what it alludes to?—No, I have very few things with me; this is all I could get at; perhaps I may at some future period find some more, which will explain it.

Cannot you take upon yourself to say whether the place to be vacated means a seat in Parliament or not?—I should imagine it means that.

Who was to vacate that seat?—I do not know.

Was it a seat of Lord Sligo's?—I do not know whether Lord Sligo had any seats, it was through his influence.

[Note from the Marquis of Sligo, dated Grafton-street, Saturday, read.]

[Note from the Marquis of Sligo, dated Grafton-street, Thursday, read.]

[Note from the Marquis of Sligo, dated Grafton-street, without date, read.]

[Note from the Marquis of Sligo, dated Wednesday, read.]

[Note from the Marquis of Sligo, dated Thursday, read.]

Are those all the notes you could find of Lord Sligo's?—Those are all that I could find in my room now.

What seat was it that you thought you had it in your power to obtain for Lord Clancarty?—I cannot tell where the seat was, for I never asked Lord Sligo; it was through the interest of my friend Lord Sligo; I took his word, and offered to pledge myself for every thing he should say, when I said I would enter into a bond with Lord Clancarty.

Were you in habits of great intimacy with Lord Sligo?—Yes.

How long have you known him?—Some years.

How long before this transaction?—It may be three or four years, I cannot exactly say.

Do you conceive you were a person much trusted by him?—I never asked Lord Sligo to trust me with any thing, his politeness to me was great at all times, he placed his confidence, as you see, in me; I never petitioned for any thing of the kind.

Did you consider him as reposing confidence in you?—I have no doubt that he would pay every reasonable respect to me that may be paid to a man not equal to him in rank, but a man in a middling sphere of life.

Did you consider it as a mark of confidence that he intrusted to you a negotiation of the sort you have mentioned?—If it was not a mark of confidence, I should not have pledged myself to Lord Clancarty.

Did you never ask of Lord Sligo what seat it was that he had the command of, which you were to offer to a third person?—I think that would be doubting his integrity, because I have not an idea that Lord Sligo would place me in so unhandsome a situation, as to let me offer a thing which he would not enable me to perform.

Did Lord Sligo directly authorize you to make an offer to Lord Clancarty of this seat in Parliament?—Doubtless; how could I go to offer such a thing without; if he did not, I would not have done it.

Did he or did he not authorize you?—He did.

Do you know at what time, near this transaction, Mrs. Grove came to England from Ireland?

Ireland?—I absolutely cannot take upon me to say; I was in Ireland with my wife and myself, and we dined with her at different times, and in coming to town we wrote to her from Bath, and when I came to town I made inquiry and found she was at the house of Donovan; I believe it was Sir James De Bath told me she was there, when he dined with me one day; and I went to pay my respects to her, and we were in the habits of great friendship.

Mr. Reding.

At what time did that conversation with Lord Clancarty pass, relative to the bond; was it in the winter or the summer?—I believe it was at our last meeting, near the time that these notes passed.

Was it before or after Christmas?—It was about the time that the change of Administration took place after Mr. Pitt's death; I cannot tell to a day or a month, but it was about that time.

What was the occasion of your first conversation with Mrs. Grove on the subject of any appointment to India?—Really I have been so much in the habit of dining with Mrs. Grove, and being with her five or six times a day, being a sort of half-way house between the city and my house, that I cannot exactly tell.

Was Mrs. Grove acquainted with Mr. Ogg?—She was the first that mentioned Mr. Ogg's name to me.

In consequence of what conversation on your part, or application, did she mention to you the name of Mr. Ogg?—I cannot at this moment tell how that came round; but I am of opinion this person of the name of Donovan was in negotiation with Mr. Ogg, or some branch of his family, and by this the name of Davies was mentioned; I refused seeing Donovan at this period; I held him as much in contempt as I now do the other. Mrs. Grove told me he was not the bad man that I thought, and begged me to see him: the name of Ogg came out, and she begged me to accompany her to Mr. Davies's house, and I did accompany her there.

What passed in that conversation?—Not being willing to let Mrs. Grove know every thing that I had in confidence from my friend, I desired Davies to call upon me the next day; he called at my house the next day, or in a day or two, and we had a long conversation about this subject, by which we agreed to have a meeting at Lloyd's Coffee-house; when I went there, and found the deception of this other £.500. I told him they were all a set of people that I would not be seen in the company of, and took myself away.

From whom did you receive information of this other £.500.?—It came out in this way: Mr. Livie was not prepared to pay the whole sum; the additional £.500. was mentioned, and he said he would pay it at a future time. I said, What £.500.? I saw Davies put his foot over, to tread on Mr. Livie's foot; and I saw there was something of deception. I said, I will have nothing to do with you, there is something behind dishonourable; and I took myself away.

Had you any further transaction with Davies, respecting this?—I never spoke to him from that time to this.

Did you state to Mrs. Grove, that you had a Writership at your disposal?—I told Mrs. Grove all about it.

Did you tell her of your conversations with Lord Clancarty?—Yes, and how the thing went off; she was highly offended; she said, she would write to Lord Clancarty; I said, she had better not mention my name, nor write to him. I knew Mrs. Grove was very intimate with his uncle.

Did you ever see Mrs. Grove in company with Lord Clancarty?—I do not know that I have; I know that she is very intimate with Mrs. Burgoyne, who married his uncle.

Did you ever see Mrs. Grove in company with Lord Sligo?—Yes, I do believe I have; but I cannot downright take upon me to say that I have.

What part of the money to be paid by Mr. Ogg, was Mrs. Grove to have?—She was to have a loan for some time, till her affairs were arranged; she had a large fortune left her by Lord Annesley, and she was embarrassed.

Of how much was her loan to consist?—I do not know at this moment.

Mr. Reding.

Are you sure you cannot recollect what part of the money she was to have, either as a present or a loan?—If I were sure, I would without hesitation tell you, but I am not.

What is the reason you refused to communicate to Lord Clancarty, the seat for which he was to be returned?—Because I was not authorized by my friend.

Do you know for what seat he was to be returned?—I never asked.

Was Mr. Ogg appointed to the Writership?—No, on the contrary, he was disappointed.

Do you know who was appointed to the Writership?—I do not.

Who settled the shares into which the money, if it was received, was to be distributed?—That was not exactly settled; it was agreed so much money should be received, and when we got it was the time to distribute it; I expected no more than five-per-cent.; I believe Davies expected no more; and, without the money in question, I would go any way to serve my friend.

What part of it was Lord Sligo to receive?—I do not know; when the money was got, and he had given away his property, if it was his property, it was with his Lordship to do as he liked, and to judge whether any of us were to have any; he was a very worthy man, and I had not a doubt he would do what was proper.

Do you suppose that he employed you in this transaction, from his friendship to you and his desire to benefit you?—It is not to be supposed he wanted to do me any harm, when he was always desirous to see me in a morning at any time; I looked upon his friendship as doing me a great honour, and that he was willing to do me a service.

Did he first propose to you that you should undertake this negotiation, or did you propose it to him?—He proposed it to me, because I had not such a thing in my power.

Did he commission you to apply for a Writership to be sold to a person unknown to him, in consideration of which he was to return a person also unknown to him to Parliament?—I do not think Lord Clancarty was unknown to him.

Did you conceive, from any conversation with Lord Sligo, that he had any particular desire, from his friendship to Lord Clancarty, to return him to Parliament?—From the many conversations I had with Lord Sligo, I have not a doubt he would willingly do Lord Clancarty a service; but if things were not done so, Lord Clancarty might do this in another way; I did not know myself that I was doing wrong.

What benefit was Lord Sligo to derive to himself from this transaction?—It was with Lord Sligo to give any body any part of the money; I am sure he was so honourable a man he would not do any thing but what was proper; the thing was entirely at his disposal, and his alone.

Do you mean that the whole money was at his disposal?—Yes, except what was given to Davies, his commission must be paid; and if I had had the remainder of the money, I should have brought it to Lord Sligo without hesitation.

Was not Mrs. Grove originally to have a part in this sum of money?—I knew her at that time to be embarrassed, and I meant to assist her with a loan, even out of my own pocket, if this thing did not come at all.

Had you any money in your own pocket at that time, to assist Mrs. Grove or any other person?—Yes, I always had money in my possession since my marriage; I married the daughter of Mr. Fenton.

Have you lent any money to Mrs. Grove?—I never lent her any money; the last time I was in Dublin, she asked me to lend her £.500.; I told her I was coming home, and that I had no money in Dublin.

Have you had, at any other time in your life, any thing to do with Patronage under the East India Company?—I never in my life went so far as in this thing, and this died away without its being completed; and I would willingly have nothing more to do with any thing of the kind.

Was Mr. Ogg himself to pay this £.3,000. or whatever it was, or was any relation to pay it for him?—It was to be paid through the medium of Mr. Livie, his brother-in-law.

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You do not know whether Mr. Ogg or Mr. Livie was to bear the expence?—I never asked; I took for granted they were people of fortune, I took Mrs. Livie to be very fond of her relations; whether it was her money or his I do not know.

Mr. Reding.

Did you ever say in whose Patronage this Writership was?—I stated that it was through the Board of Control; I understood it was, at the time.

Was it after you turned your back on Mr. Livie or before, that he lent you £.1,000.?—After I turned my back on Mr. Davies.

Where did you get the hares that you sent to Lord Sligo?—From my friends; they came out of the County of Hereford and out of the County of York.

They did not come from Lord Clancarty?—No.

Do you know Mr. Shee?—Do you mean a man that is in the unfortunate situation I am now, John Shee; there is a young man in the Fleet now of the name of Shee; I know him, but I never had any dealings or knowledge of him, till I came there.

Did you know a Mr. Shee who lives at Bath sometimes?—No; there is a father and son in this town of the name of Shee; those two men I hold in the same sort of despicable contempt as I do this Davies; I would not be seen with either of them.

Do you know where the elder Mr. Shee lives?—He did live in the Rules of the Fleet; whether he is there or not now I do not know.

Is the person you mentioned, a son of his?—No; I do not think he is any acquaintance of his; he has a son, whom I would not know, nor suffer him to come to my house.

Do you know Mr. Cavendish Bradshaw?—Yes.

Had you ever any business with him?—Next to nothing.

Were you ever concerned in the selling or buying of a house for him?—I was concerned in buying a house of Mr. Cavendish Bradshaw.

Did you buy that house?—No, I did not.

Were you in treaty for the purchase of that house?—I was.

On what occasion did that treaty go off?—Mr. Cavendish Bradshaw called and gave me his letter to go and take possession of this house; I was to pay him something about five or six or seven hundred pounds for the lease and fixtures; on making inquiry, it turned out that neither Mr. Bradshaw, or Mr. Gunter the pastry-cook in Berkley-square, could make a good title; and while Mr. Bradshaw was gone to Newmarket, having called at my house on his way, this disappointment took place. Neither Mr. Bradshaw's title, in consequence of his mother, Lady Waterpark, nor Mr. Gunter's title, were good, and therefore the subject died away on that account, as well as something else that I found myself offended about; but that was the chief thing, none of them could make a good title to it.

Mr. PETER ABBOTT.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Reding, who has just left this room?—No, I did not observe any person whom I knew.

Mr. Abbott.

Have you any acquaintance with a person of the name of Garrett?—I have seen him.

Upon what occasion?—There was a Sir Thomas Hay, I do not know whether he is a Baronet, who was a captain in the army when I first knew him, thirty years ago.

Were you introduced to Mr. Garrett by Sir Thomas Hay?—Sir Thomas Hay called upon me at Lloyd's Coffee-house, and asked me whether I could put him into the way of getting the son of a friend of his a Writership to Bengal or Madras; I told him I was not acquainted with the way; he asked the price; I told him I was not acquainted with it, but I would go into the room and make the inquiries; I then applied to one or two gentlemen, and one of them, I think a Mr. Aubert, told me that he supposed from £. 3,000. to £. 3,500. and that it depended upon which of the places the situation was for; but afterwards, whether it was he suggested it, or from my

Mr. Abbott. my own idea, a Mr. Fuller, who had something to do as an editor of one of the papers, frequenting that Coffee-house, I applied to him, to know if he could tell me; he said yes, and that he knew those things were frequently done. I then introduced Fuller to Sir Thomas Hay, and left them together. He came a second or a third time upon the same business, saying that his friend could not give so large a sum as that was, that there was £.2,500. deposited in a banker's in London, which he was ready to pay for the appointment. I think about the fourth interview I had, he brought a Mr. Garrett with him, a tall, stout man.

What passed in your presence between Sir Thomas Hay and Mr. Garrett?—He said he thought it was a very high price; I told him I had nothing to do with it, that Mr. Fuller was the person, and I would go in and see whether I could find Mr. Fuller; he was called out, and I left them together. I was altogether unacquainted with the business; I did not at the time know an India Director.

Do you know any thing further of this transaction?—Nothing more, they never applied to me further upon it; I believe Mr. Garrett did come once or twice more, but I generally referred him to Mr. Fuller.

Do you know, from Sir Thomas Hay, whether he procured any appointment for his friend?—I never saw him after these times at Lloyd's: he came from Canada.

Do you know from Garrett or from Mr. Fuller, whether any such appointment was obtained for this gentleman?—I do not know, indeed, I should rather think not.

Do you know in whose Patronage that appointment, for which a larger sum of money was asked than Sir Thomas Hay chose to give, was asked?—No, I do not.

Have you any means of informing yourself in whose Patronage it was?—No, I never made any inquiries; he teased me so often, that I desired the waiter not to say I was there, when he called. My business is that of an underwriter and insurance broker, and I am very much engaged.

Did you understand from Mr. Fuller, in whose Patronage any of those appointments that were advertised were?—No; I think Mr. Fuller mentioned that there was somebody that wanted a place which he might have advertised for; but I do not know whether this was it; he did not mention the name of the person at all.

Where does Mr. Fuller live?—I do not know; he generally collected the shipping news, and things of that sort, for the Morning Post.

Do you know where he lived then?—No, I never was at his house, nor had any thing to do with him, but this.

Mr. JOHN FULLER.

Mr. Fuller.

Have you been in the habit of inserting advertisements for the disposal of Patronage in the gift of the East India Company?—Very frequently.

Do you make memorandums of the persons from whom you receive advertisements of that sort?—Never; we are directed by the name or letter to which they refer.

Is it within your own knowledge from whom they are received?—I am not a clerk in the office; I do not receive advertisements.

Supposing a Cadetship is wanted, to apply to X. Y. at such a coffee-house, do you know any thing further than what is contained upon that advertisement?—Never, so that they do not contain any thing libellous or offensive.

Do you know a person of the name of Garrett?—I have seen him twice or thrice.

Upon what occasions did you see him?—If I recollect rightly, it was in the Autumn of 1807 that a friend of mine applied to me, to obtain, I think, a Writership to India; I did this with my own name and address; it was in consequence of that advertisement, that, not only Mr. Garrett, but a whole tribe of persons of the same description flocked to me.

What took place with Mr. Garrett in consequence of this advertisement?—Mr. Garrett informed me, to the best of my recollection, that he had a candidate, I think that was his expression, for the Writership that was advertised; and in the course

course of a day or two after that time, a person of the name of Sir something Hay, or Hays, was introduced to me by Mr. Garrett, I think, but I am not quite sure whether it was Mr. Garrett or Mr. Abbott.

Mr. Fuller.

What conversation passed between you and Sir Thomas Hay upon that subject?—In consequence of my advertisement, a vast number of money-lenders, and people who affected to have Patronage in the East India Company, came to me; and I mentioned to Sir Thomas Hay, that a person had been with me, I think it was Mr. Garrett, who wanted £.3500. for this Writership. Within a day or two of the period of which I am speaking, Sir Thomas Hay came to me, and told me he was willing to give £.3000. but not more. I communicated this to Mr. Garrett at the second interview I had with him; and since that I never saw him, except passing in the street.

Is the Committee to understand, that your advertisement was to procure a Writership?—Yes.

Was the conversation you had with Sir Thomas Hay, not to sell a Writership, but to procure a Writership?—To procure a Writership.

Explain in what manner your advertisement should have brought persons who were in want of the same thing you were to have any conversation with you?—I have already stated, that in consequence of the application of a friend of mine, who was anxious to procure such Patronage as he might obtain a Writership, requested that I would insert an advertisement, inviting any person, who had such Patronage, to my own house, to negotiate with them; this brought a whole train of those persons to me.

Was it then something else, and not a Writership, that your friend was desirous of procuring?—No, a Writership distinctly. In consequence of the number of applications made to me, I mentioned it among my friends in the city as a thing of course, wondering how this sort of Patronage could be so easily obtained; and it was in consequence of that Mr. Abbott sent Sir something Hay to me, and I think I gave him the address of Mr. Garrett.

Did Garrett, when he came to you, say that he had a Writership to dispose of?—I think he did.

Did you enter into any treaty with Garrett for that Writership?—Never.

On what account did you decline entering into any treaty with Garrett for a Writership, if a Writership was the thing your friend was in pursuit of?—There was another person also in treaty, but I never had any more than two or three interviews with him; it was understood he was in the hands of Sir Thomas Hay, that he was not the principal, and I had nothing more to do with it.

Was Sir Thomas Hay your friend?—No, he was the friend of Mr. Abbott.

Why did you decline entering into negotiation with Garrett?—I presume it was in consequence of his conversation with Sir Thomas Hay; he came to me, and I gave him the names of several persons.

Why did you not enter into treaty yourself with Garrett?—I do not know, but that I was desirous of getting rid of it, and referred Garrett to the principal.

Did you refer him in the first place to your friend?—No, I never referred him to my friend in consequence of his application to me; I believe his application was made, that I might hand over to him the names of some persons that had this India Patronage; I believe I did not know Sir Thomas Hay at that time. In consequence of the advertisement I have already described, a vast number of people applied to me, among the rest a man who has three or four alias's to his name, but his name is Barron; he advertises in the name of Currie; he is a surgeon in Hatton-garden; he negotiated with me in the name of Courtney; but I understand, within a few days last, his name is Barron. In consequence of my advertisement, among the rest of the people who came to me was Mr. Barron, alias Courtney; he came with such a story as induced me to believe he could get this sort of thing in an instant; he said, in short, the moment you can deposit such a sum of money in a banking-house, and convince me it is done, I will introduce you to a person who has nothing more to do than ride a few miles and bring it back with him. In consequence of this, the money was deposited, and I was introduced to a lawyer of the name of Robins in Bartlett's-buildings, whom I never saw till then, who held out a story equally plausible with the

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other, and in fact he was the attorney that was to receive this money and hand me over the nomination; I did give him a check for the sum of money he was to receive, and gave Mr. Courtney another for the money he was to receive, and the thing appeared to be completely settled; I waited till some time in January twelvemonth, and then I found it was all nothing at all; I got my security back, and the thing remained just as it was at first.

Where was the money deposited?—At Kenfington's.

In whose names?—I think in the names of Peter Begbie and William Gillies.

Are both these parties known to you?—Both of them; Mr. Peter Begbie has since been unfortunate; Mr. Gillies is a man of great respectability.

Did any appointment take place in consequence?—No.

Was the money returned to your friend?—I procured the checks back again, and gave them back to my friends, and I think I was present when they were destroyed.

Was there any written engagement on the part of Courtney, relating to the condition under which that money was deposited?—No, I do not think there was, I do not recollect that there was.

Do you know in whose Patronage Courtney or Robins pretended that the appointment was, which either of them had the power of disposing of?—With respect to Courtney, he kept it a profound secret, but Robins told me it was to be procured through Sir Sydney Smith.

Was Sir Sydney Smith then in England?—No, he was not; but it was through some documents that he held; and he mentioned Sir Sydney Smith's brother, Mr. Spencer Smith, that he was in the absence of Sir Sydney to be the person that was to do this.

Did they name to you any Director through whose influence it was to be procured?—No, they certainly did not. Having conceived that as far as my friend was concerned the whole thing was settled, that every thing was done that they required, I conceived they would fulfil their part of the engagement. In consequence of the vast number of people that applied to me, I remember there was a Clergyman of the name of Barry, who told me he was a brother of Lord Barrymore's, who told me he could procure this sort of thing; amongst the rest came Mr. Garrett, he wanted a thing of this sort for a friend of his. In consequence of the vast number of persons who came to me, I had mentioned this to many of my friends in Lloyd's room, and amongst the rest Mr. Abbott; he said, Good God, if these things are so easily obtained, there is a friend of mine, Sir Robert or Sir Thomas Hay, who has been teasing my life out, I will send him to you; he sent several, and among the rest Mr. Garrett, who stated that he had Patronage to procure this sort of thing.

The transaction for your friend you understood you had settled with Mr. Courtney and Mr. Robins?—Yes, I did.

Do you recollect having inserted any advertisements for the sale of such Patronage?—Never in my life.

How are you quite sure of that?—The only thing that ever I had any thing to do with, was the thing I have alluded to, and that was at the particular request of a very particular friend.

That was the only case in which you were personally concerned?—Yes.

Are you sure that advertisements have not been put into the paper, offering Patronage for sale, without referring to you?—That has been every day's practice.

Do you know of your own knowledge the persons who inserted or authorized the insertion of any advertisements for the sale of such Patronage?—Since the period I am speaking of, I have become acquainted with the name of one; he has an alias too; I understand his name is Shee; he advertises in the name of Calvert, somewhere in Marybone-street.

The younger or the elder Shee?—The younger. When I got to Marybone-street, I was sent somewhere else; him I saw about three or four times.

What passed with Mr. Shee upon this subject?—He advertised a Writerhip, and

in consequence of that advertisement I called upon him one morning and found him at home; he told me, yes, he had such a thing to dispose of, and I asked him the price; he said, either £.3,000. or guineas; his principals were to have £.3,000. and he was to have £.150. that is, the shillings.

Mr. Fuller.

Was any money deposited for Mr. Shee's use, if he could procure this appointment?—No; he wrote me a note, which I have been trying to find, but I cannot, and rather conceive I must have destroyed it, but it was to this effect, that his mode of doing business was to introduce the principals together, and that on my depositing such sort of security as would enable him to receive £.150. when the business was effected, he would introduce me to the principals; I gave him a cheque, I think on Sir Matthew Bloxam, for £.150.

Conditionally?—Yes, conditionally.

What was the result?—On my handing over this check, he gave me a letter to a lady in Hampton Court Palace.

Who was that lady?—Her name was Cottin.

Was that letter delivered?—I delivered it myself.

What passed in the conversation with Mrs. Cottin?—She read this note; Mr. Shee had previously prepared her for my reception; she put on her hat, took me across Hampton Court Green, and introduced me to a gentleman of the name of Poplett, who is, I believe, one of the Deputy Lieutenants for the County of Middlesex. Here I thought I had certainly got to the end of my troublesome journey. In my conversation with Mrs. Cottin it was stated, that I was to give her £.500. and I was to deposit £.2,500. for the lady in whose possession the Patronage was. Captain Poplett informed me that he had no doubt in the world that he could procure the thing I was after; the first step to be taken was, that I should satisfy him this sum of money was so deposited; I went on the following day, to the best of my recollection, and in Kensington's hands deposited the sum of money required, and sent him the Banker's receipts, and on the same day I sent an undertaking to pay Mrs. Cottin her £.500; that being done, I was to expect a final answer from Captain Poplett in the course of three weeks, or I was to be at liberty to remove the money again, and take up the securities I had deposited. The three weeks passed; a month passed; at length I waited upon Captain Poplett, and I continued to make applications to him several times, I believe five or six; when he found that he could not do what he had undertaken, they gave me back my security for the £.2,500.

Do you recollect in what month this was?—It must have been in the month of November last, somewhere between the 15th and the 25th, I think.

Did Captain Poplett mention to you at any time in whose Patronage this appointment was, which he expected to have the disposal of?—He distinctly said this, "the lady into whose hands this £.2,500. is to go, if you knew her history, you would feel for her as much as I do." He mentioned that she was either the widow or daughter of some very excellent Officer who had been slain somewhere, but he never said more, nor did I ever know who the lady was; he enjoined me to the most profound secrecy, and nothing should have wrung it from my bosom but the necessity I presume there is for my telling it here.

Did he mention in whose Patronage the appointment was?—That she had very considerable influence with the Duke of Cambridge, who he assured me, and I believe it most sincerely, was perfectly unacquainted with the object of her application; that the Duke had expressed a very great regard for her; and of course the young gentleman, whose name I mentioned, she told him was a friend of hers, and the Duke in consequence wrote her a note, that he would do every thing he could to get her wishes complied with; I saw the note from the Duke of Cambridge to this lady, but the superscription was carefully taken off, that I should not know who it was.

State generally the contents of it.—That he had received her application, and that he should certainly make a point of endeavouring to accommodate her friend, whose character she spoke so highly of; that if he should fail in one quarter, he would endeavour to procure the Patronage of the Queen; but he did not think he should be able to accomplish the object this year, though it was very probable he might in that that was coming.

Mr. Fuller.

Was your friend introduced to this lady?—Never; in short, he is in Scotland at this moment; he has never been in town since; I considered myself so secure at first, I sent for him from Scotland.

Did this lady communicate to the Duke of Cambridge the name of your friend?—She must, for he mentioned the name in his note.

Did Mrs. Cottin mention the name of any lady to you, through whom this appointment was to take place?—No, and I believe for the best of all possible reasons, that she did not know the lady; Captain Poplett was more communicative to me than to Mrs. Cottin.

Are you certain that you are totally unacquainted with the name of the lady?—I am; her name was always carefully withheld from me.

The lady herself was never introduced to you?—Never.

What was the name of your friend, whom she recommended to the Duke of Cambridge?—James Greenhill.

Is he a relation to Mr. Greenhill, the Member of Parliament?—I do not know; his father is a man of very large fortune in the County of Montrose, in Scotland, and the young gentleman is a very well educated young man.

Do you know whether he has obtained any appointment since?—He has not.

Are you still endeavouring to obtain such an appointment for him?—I have not made any other attempt since Captain Poplett told me this.

Do you know of any other transaction in which Mr. Shee was concerned, relating to East India Patronage?—I do not.

Do you know the elder Mr. Shee?—I know him by sight, but I do not know that ever I spoke to him. I knew him as an incorrigible villain.

Have you any recollection of any other person who has advertised in the paper you conduct, for the sale of Patronage of this description?—No, I do not.

Have you any means at home of tracing any names of any persons who have advertised for sale?—No; in the multitude of advertisements which come in, in a place of that sort, all that they have to do is to see that they are not libellous.

Do they always pay ready money, or have an account?—Persons who come with a casual advertisement, pay ready money; the Auctioneers, and Tattershall, and such persons, have a running account.

Not persons of this description?—No.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Donovan?—I have not exchanged a word with him for the last fifteen years.

Do you know whether he has been in the habit of advertising in your paper?—I do not know; he may, for aught I know.

Did Mr. Barry state through what Patronage he could obtain a Writership?—Yes, he stated, that he was to obtain his Patronage through the Prince of Wales; and I represented to my friends, that he asked four thousand guineas; they said it was an enormous sum of money; and when he came again, I told him it was too large a sum for my friends to advance. On the following day, there was a Baronet drove to my door in his carriage, and wanted to horsewhip me, because I had thought proper to treat this Clergyman with so much disrespect, and would not give him four thousand guineas; it was Sir Robert Peat.

Were there any others who came in consequence of this advertisement, whose names you can recollect?—None.

Do you know where Mr. Barry lives?—He gave me his address at some Coffee-house in St. James's-street.

Is there within your own knowledge any other transaction relative to the buying or selling of East India Patronage?—None whatever.

You do not think that the Duke of Cambridge was at all acquainted with the transaction

transaction to which his letter referred?—Upon my conscience I have not the least idea of it; I believe that this lady represented it as an act of friendship to herself. *Mr. Fuller.*

Mr. JOHN JONES.

Did the Committee understand you correctly in your first examination, to state that the transaction relating to the Cadetship, was not entirely between you and Mr. Stoughton, after your first introduction to him?—When I was here last, though I answered your questions to the best of my knowledge fully, the reason perhaps why I did not so fully state things is, that I felt, perhaps from a false point of honour, that I was only to answer the questions. I am now come here, willing to tell the whole truth. When I was examined here, I did not mean to state any thing falsely; but I will now explain every thing fully. I saw Mr. Stoughton before he came here, and begged of him, not only to state the whole truth of himself, but whatever he had heard me in conversation say. I waited at home to-day, thinking I might be summoned, and if I was not, I intended to beg to be called before you. *Mr. Jones.*

Did you receive any money for this appointment?—I did; but I only consider it as part of what I engaged to pay.

What sum did you receive?—One hundred and eighty guineas.

From whom did you receive it?—I received £.89. of Mr. Shee, and £.100. I received of Mr. Mee.

Where does Mr. Mee live?—No. 66, Upper Berkley-street.

What had Mr. Mee to do in this transaction?—I understood merely to assist me in disposing of one and getting the other; the disposing of the Cadetship and getting an appointment at Woolwich.

What is Mr. Mee?—I do not know that he is any thing particular.

By whom was he introduced to you?—I have known him some time, and it was he told me I should be likely to get a Woolwich appointment; in fact, I transacted both at the same time; the Cadetcy did not suit my nephew, and I had been long waiting to get an appointment at Woolwich for him, and therefore I made use of this in the way of exchange; the way I made use of it I am under an engagement to give 320 guineas besides the 180.

To whom are you under these engagements?—To Mr. Shee.

Have you not stated, in your former examination, that you depended upon Mr. Stoughton's interest, and relied upon his honour merely, to procure you this Cadetship at Woolwich?—I meant, that Mr. Stoughton never paid me any money.

Did you not state, in your former examination, that you depended upon Mr. Stoughton's interest, and relied upon his honour merely, to procure you this Cadetship at Woolwich?—I am afraid I said I expected nothing else.

Do you not recollect what you said on your former examination?—I cannot say that I have it all at heart; but I will answer truly what you ask me.

Did you not, in your former examination, state to the Committee, that you depended upon Mr. Stoughton's interest, and relied upon his honour to procure you that appointment at Woolwich?—I am afraid I did; I certainly stated that I never expected any emolument from Mr. Stoughton, and I might have stated that.

Is it true that you had any expectation, or that Mr. Stoughton has entered into any engagement with you to procure this appointment at Woolwich?—Mr. Stoughton has told me he should be very happy to use his interest for me at any time; he said, if he could be of any use to me he would certainly use it.

Do you understand that he is under any engagement, expressed or implied, to use any influence to procure that appointment at Woolwich?—No more than as a friend, I have no claim upon him.

Why did you state to the Committee, upon your former examination, that you had that claim upon him, and that it was the whole consideration he was to give for that other appointment, given by you to his son?—I stated, that I never, after I saw him, was to receive any thing from him; the transaction was done, in fact, before

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fore I saw him; I agreed to give 500 guineas for the one and to receive 180 guineas for the other.

Was not your whole transaction with Mr. Shee?—My transaction was through Mr. Mee and Mr. Shee.

Had you any direct or indirect transaction with Mr. Stoughton?—None, till the day I went with him to the India House.

Was not your transaction with Mr. Shee for the India Cadetship completed, before you had any conversation whatever with Mr. Stoughton relating to an appointment at Woolwich?—It was.

Did you not understand from Mr. Stoughton, that the whole transaction was with Mr. Shee, and that Mr. Shee had received whatever money he was to pay for procuring the India Cadetship?—Certainly.

Did Mr. Mee receive any benefit, or is he to receive any benefit for procuring the appointment at Woolwich?—I never asked the question; I agreed to give 500 guineas for the one, and to receive 180 for the other; I considered the one as going in part for the other, so that I did not derive pecuniary compliment.

From whom did you understand Mr. Mee to have received the £.100. which he paid over to you?—I really did not ask the question; but he told me he would be responsible for the 180 guineas.

Does he remain responsible for any part of it?—No.

Has he paid the whole of it?—He paid me £.100. and Mr. Shee £.89.

Why do you say Mr. Mee said he would be responsible for the 180 guineas, if they were paid?—Till they were paid; now all responsibility is at an end.

Do you know upon what account the £.100. came into the possession of Mr. Mee?—He never told me, but I thought it came from the parties.

Had you reason to believe that was part of the money paid by Mr. Stoughton to Mr. Shee?—No, I did not think it was, for Mr. Stoughton has since told me he had not paid any money till it passed.

Do you know whether Mr. Mee is in any sort of partnership with Mr. Shee?—Not that I know of.

Do you know for what reason Mr. Mee paid you this £.100.?—I told Mr. Mee that I had got a Cadetcy to India, and wished one to Woolwich, that I should be glad to make use of one towards the change of the other.

At what time did you communicate this to Mr. Mee?—Just only a few days before it took place.

Were you introduced by Mr. Mee to Mr. Shee?—No, I knew Mr. Mee long before Mr. Shee. Mr. Shee is a man that, every body knows, deals in these sort of things, he advertises; and when I asked Mr. Mee who it was that had this at Woolwich, he said it was Mr. Shee, a person well known, and took place just about the same time.

Do you understand that Mr. Mee or Mr. Shee is to procure the appointment at Woolwich for your nephew?—I understood Mr. Mee to tell me Mr. Shee was to procure that.

Do you understand those persons to be in any sort of partnership?—No, I never understood that they were; Mr. Mee I have known some time; Mr. Shee I never knew till this business.

Have you conversed with them together upon the subject of this business?—Once; only once.

Do you understand that Mr. Mee is to participate in the profit to be derived from procuring these appointments?—I never asked a word about that; I said I was willing to give a certain sum.

Do you understand that Mr. Mee has interest to procure this?—No, he has no interest; I expected it to be done through Mr. Shee's interest, for which I was to pay him.

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Did you understand that any money was paid by Mr. Stoughton to Mr. Mee?—No; Mr. Mee has told me, that he paid 500 guineas; I do not know what he paid at all at the time; I was willing to give the 500 guineas for the appointment, and had 180 towards it.

Mr. Jones.

Did you understand that Mr. Shee had promised to pay over, or had paid over, to Mr. Mee any part of the money he had received from Mr. Stoughton?—Mr. Shee never told me so.

Did Mr. Mee tell you so?—No, never; from what I understood, both sums were paid Mee before Mr. Stoughton paid a farthing: when I made the agreement first, I did not know who it was; they told me it was a gentleman of the utmost respectability; when they mentioned the name, I knew the family.

Had you any other transactions with Mr. Shee?—No, I never had any transactions with either of them before or since.

In the engagement you have entered into with Shee, is there any time limited for the obtaining this appointment?—Yes, (I have been very often expressing how happy I was at your determination) it is to expire the second of next month, which is very near; that engagement is null and void: and I beg to say, that when I came to think upon this, I was so unhappy at what had passed, that I have given over to Mr. Stoughton the 180 guineas which I had received; I had promised to him before I was last examined, and I have already returned it in bank notes, and have moreover, of my own accord, signed a paper, releasing him from all obligation to procure any appointment for my nephew.

When was that given to Mr. Stoughton?—I paid the money to-day; I had promised it before; I wished to come to the Committee with as clean hands as I could, though I am liable for the 500 guineas.

Where is the 500 guineas deposited?—I have given an engagement to Mr. Shee; I gave him an engagement for 500 guineas; then he said there was another person who wanted to be certified, he should have 300, and then I gave him an engagement for 300 and 200; so that I understand Mr. Shee is to get 200 by this other transaction.

Who is the person who is to receive the 300?—I do not know; I drew an order upon my banker, payable to bearer, upon my nephew James Burnett being appointed to a Cadetcy at Woolwich, to pay the bearer 300 guineas; so that the person who gets that is to take the 300 guineas, and Mr. Shee the other 200.

Have you any means of knowing who is to receive that 300 guineas?—I never saw the person before or since he called upon me with a letter from Mr. Shee. This is my engagement to Mr. Shee, which was returned to me.

[Mr. Jones delivered in an engagement for 500 guineas, in case of his nephew being appointed within two months, dated 3d of January.]

The other I gave, so as to expire at the same time, at one month.

Should you know the person who called upon you with that note, if you were to see him again?—I am pretty certain I should, and his name was certainly mentioned to me; it was Barrington.

Have you any recollection where he lives?—No, I never saw him before nor since.

Was not his name expressed in the draft?—No.

[Mr. Jones delivered in a letter from Mr. Shee, dated 4th of February, requesting that the bearer might be certified of the payment of 300 guineas on the Cadetcy to Woolwich being obtained. And a memorandum signed by Mr. Stoughton, 23d February, stating that he had received back the 180 guineas.]

Mr. CHARLES BARRON.

What is your profession?—A surgeon.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Fuller?—Yes.

Mr. Barron.

Have you been in the habit of inserting advertisements in his paper, relating to the disposal of offices?—I did not know that he had a paper.

Mr. Barron.

In the Morning Post?—No, I never inserted any advertisement in the Morning Post; he inserted an advertisement himself in the Morning Post, which I answered.

What was that advertisement?—It was respecting a situation to India; I had some professional business with Mr. Robins of Bartlett's-buildings, an attorney, and, drinking tea with him and his lady one afternoon, looking over some papers, he said, "I have got these things; do you know of any one that wants such situations?" meaning Writerships. I said "No, it is quite out of my way; I do not know any person who wants a Writership to India." The next morning I saw an advertisement of Mr. Fuller's, whom I had known before, and I went to him and said, "Fuller, here is just the thing you want." I told him it was a respectable young man in Bartlett's-buildings that told me he had such a thing to be disposed of, and that if he wished it, I would give him an appointment at my house. I did so. Mr. Fuller came, and I sent for Mr. Robins; they were together in my drawing-room; and after Robins went away, Fuller said, "He is a very respectable young man, and I find holds a situation under the Master of the Rolls." I said, "Very well, you will negotiate your matters together." Sometime afterwards I saw them again. Fuller complained the thing was not accomplished; Robins said there were unnecessary delays: I told him he had better go himself to Mr. Robins; I had introduced him, and did not wish to have any thing further to do with it; he had better call upon Mr. Robins: he said he had complained several times, but always some trifling excuses were made by Robins, that the thing was not finished; and it never was finished. I do not know what afterwards became of the appointment.

What appointment was it which Robins had the disposal of?—He said it was a Writership; he had a great number of different appointments among his papers which he shewed me, which I did not take any particular notice of at the time.

Did he tell you from whom he was to obtain this Writership?—No, I did not ask him, for I supposed there was some secrecy about transactions of this sort; I was not present when Mr. Fuller and he met, and I do not know what passed, further than that Mr. Fuller said afterwards, he was perfectly satisfied with his respectability.

Was any money deposited?—I do not think any money was deposited; I was not privy to any money being deposited; I understood there was a kind of account, but what it was I cannot tell.

Do you know of any written engagement that subsisted?—That was a written engagement, but I do not know of what kind it was; Robins told me afterwards, when I met him at his house again, that they had given him a written engagement with which he was perfectly satisfied, but I never saw the engagement.

Are you sure that you never saw that written engagement?—I do not think I did.

What pecuniary consideration did you receive for your own part in this affair?—I did not receive any; I wished merely to oblige them.

Were you to receive any thing in case it took place?—Mr. Robins, going down Bartlett's-buildings one day, said, "You must allow us, when it is done, to make you a present of a piece of plate;" that was all that was offered me.

Do you know that Mr. Fuller is or was concerned in conducting the Morning Post?—Yes, I know that he was concerned many years ago, but I understood that he had entirely given it up and retired into the country; I understand now that he is occasionally employed upon some business of the Morning Post, but what it is I do not understand.

Are you sure that you never advertised in that paper for the disposal or purchase of offices?—No; Mr. Fuller advertised that he wanted a Writership, and in consequence of his advertisement I went to him one morning early, and told him, "Here is Mr. Robins of Bartlett's-buildings has the very thing you want, and if you are disposed to treat with him you shall meet at my house;" that was the amount of the business; it was Mr. Fuller's advertisement and not mine.

Was your conversation with Mr. Robins subsequent to your seeing that advertisement in the paper?—Yes, it was in consequence of Robins, some evenings before (I do not know precisely the time) shewing me a list of things he had got the disposal of, and asking me whether I knew persons that wanted such situations; I said I did not; and then seeing Mr. Fuller's advertisement, I went to him; but I do not know whether it

it was the Morning Post or any other that it was in, it was to apply at No. 10, Spring-gardens.

Mr. Barron.

Had you the first conversation with Mr. Robins relating to the Writership previous to your seeing that advertisement?—Yes, I suppose about a week or ten days; I should not have had the least idea of it, but for Mr. Robins's mentioning it to me.

Have you advertised at any time, in any other paper, for the disposal or purchase of offices?—It was in consequence of this of Robins's that he asked me if I would put in an advertisement, which I did once, but that was after this was broken off.

What was that advertisement?—I forget precisely the tenor of it; it was Robins himself drew it up.

In what paper did you insert it?—I cannot state, it was only a single advertisement; I sent the servant with it, and I am sure I do not know whether it was the Morning Herald or the Morning Post he put it in.

How long ago was that?—I should suppose a year and a half ago.

What was the tenor of that advertisement?—I know it was, that such an appointment as this might be procured, by addressing letters to the Furnivals-Inn Coffee-house, which I generally use.

To whom was the letter to be addressed?—I believe to A. B. but I am not certain as to the substance; I told Robins of it.

What was the appointment to be disposed of at that time?—It was the same thing.

What happened in consequence of that advertisement?—There were several letters addressed to A. B. but none of them to which I thought there was any necessity to make any application.

Was that advertisement inserted by Mr. Robins's desire?—It was by his desire certainly; he gave me the form of the address.

Was that a joint concern?—I do not know how to call it a joint concern; he wished it, I believe, because, holding a situation in the Master of the Rolls office, he did not wish them to come immediately to him.

What appointment did the advertiser profess to have the disposal of?—This Writership.

Are you well acquainted with Mr. Robins?—I was at that time more particularly acquainted with him, but I have not seen him some time.

Were you upon a very confidential footing with him at that time?—No more than that we used to spend the evening and drink tea together sometimes.

Were you persuaded he had this Writership to dispose of?—I thought so at the time, or I would not have gone to Mr. Fuller; but I believe it was his own talk, and that he had not such a thing.

Was not this advertisement subsequent to Mr. Fuller's negotiation ceasing?—I went to Mr. Fuller in consequence of having seen this advertisement.

Did you not say, that after the transaction with Mr. Fuller was at an end, this advertisement was subsequently inserted by yourself and Mr. Robins?—Yes; I understood that he had got another Writership. I made this observation, "I suppose it is some-thing like your last;" however I put it in, and he was to have paid me for it, which he has never, however, done to this day.

Did you understand from him, that this was another Writership?—Yes, another Writership.

Why did you then say just now, it was the same appointment?—What I meant, was, that it was the same kind of appointment.

Not the same identical appointment, but another of the same kind?—The same kind of situation; they were both Writerships, but whether it was the same or another Writership I do not know precisely, because I was not sufficiently in the secret with Mr. Robins, to know what sources of Patronage he had, or where it was to come

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from, or any thing else; so that I know nothing more than he was pleased to tell me; and he was rather disposed to shoot with a long bow.

Did you never ask from whom he was to obtain this appointment?—I do not think that I ever did, because it was a thing of secrecy; but I suppose Mr. Fuller must have known, because I left them together.

Did you never ask Mr. Robins from whom he was to obtain that appointment, or did he never inform you?—I cannot possibly say, it is a circumstance in which I had little or no interest.

Are you sure you never learnt from Mr. Robins, by what means he was to obtain this appointment?—No, I do not know through what channel he was to obtain it.

Do you know Mr. Currie?—Yes.

Where does he live?—He did live in Hatton Garden, where I now reside.

Was he a partner with you?—He was when I first went into business.

What has become of him?—I do not know; he went to sea about four months after we were in partnership together.

How long ago?—I believe about two years ago.

Were you ever concerned with him in advertising for the purchase or disposal of offices?—No, I knew nothing about any thing of this kind.

Did you never insert any advertisements to be answered by Mr. Currie?—No, I did not know Mr. Robins before that, and had no transaction with things of this kind till I got acquainted with Robins, which was through professional accident.

Do you mean to say those are the only two transactions of the sort in which you have ever been concerned?—No, I do not mean to say that.

In what other transactions of this sort have you been concerned?—I was concerned in another of a similar description, that was one with Mr. Wright.

What Mr. Wright?—Of Haversford Hill, Hampstead.

What is his employment?—I do not know what his employment is; I believe he is a gentleman and lives upon his fortune.

Not Mr. Wright of the East India House?—No, he is not in the East India House at all. Mr. Wright called upon me, and asked me if I knew of any gentleman that was in want of this.

At what time was this?—About eight or ten months ago.

Can you say in what month it was?—I do not remember the month precisely. I spoke to a friend of mine in the city, and he said he did know of a young gentleman that wanted a situation of that description, and I introduced him.

Who was your friend in the city?—Mr. Blachford, of Lombard-street, a gold lace manufacturer.

Who was the young gentleman introduced by you to him?—I introduced the young gentleman to Mr. Wright.

Who was the young gentleman?—His name is Abbott, I think; I am almost certain that is his name.

What passed in consequence of this introduction?—Mr. Wright, I fancy, took him to the gentleman.

To what gentleman did he take him?—I was told he took him to Mr. Coulthurst.

What was Mr. Coulthurst?—A very respectable solicitor, in Bedford-row.

What number?—I think his number is 27.

Did you go with him to Mr. Coulthurst's?—No, I did not.

Did you see him after he had been with Mr. Coulthurst?—Yes, I saw Mr. Wright.

Did

Did he inform you of what had passed?—No, he only said Mr. Coulthurst had promised the thing should be done.

Mr. Barron.

Was it a Writership that was to be thus obtained?—Yes it was.

Was it to be obtained for Mr. Abbott?—Yes it was.

Was it obtained for him?—No, it was not.

On what account did this negotiation go off?—I can only state what was the reason which they stated; I do not know the fact myself, I heard it from Mr. Wright; he said that Mr. Coulthurst had applied to the person, and she had not made up her mind whether her own son should go with it; that some Director had given this Writership to a lady for her son, and the lady was not disposed to let her son go, but was anxious if she could to dispose of it, and with that get some situation at home; and that after she had a great deal of talking with her friends as to whether she should part with it or not, they had made up their minds that they would not part with it, and that there it ended.

Did you never hear the name of that lady?—No, I never did.

Are you quite certain of that?—Quite certain.

Do you know the name of the Director in whose Patronage it was?—No, they never told me that at all.

Are you certain you never were acquainted with his name?—Quite certain.

Do you know Mr. Courtney?—Yes.

Where does he live?—The fact is, Mr. Courtney and myself are the same person.

On what occasion have you used the name of Courtney?—About ten years ago I went from London to Edinburgh to finish my studies there, I got embarrassed, and when I was in London I took the name of Courtney; since which I have returned; which is the reason why some persons know me by the name of Courtney, and some persons by the name of Barron.

Are you in the habit of using those names indifferently?—Yes, I am; some persons continue to call me by that name, by which I went three years.

Have you ever gone by the name of Currie?—No; the fact is, the business being commenced in his name, it is continued in his name; but I never write receipts or receive any thing in his name.

Are you sure you have never made use of the name of Currie, as belonging to yourself, on any occasion?—Yes, when patients come to the house I certainly do; they are to see him or his partner, and as his name is mentioned, I think that of no consequence.

Is the Committee to understand that you use occasionally the names of Barron, Currie and Courtney?—Yes, certainly, under those circumstances.

Have you ever inserted any advertisements, in any newspaper, relating to the disposal or purchase of offices, that were to be answered by a person of the name of Courtney?—Yes, all those were in the name of Courtney.

All the three?—All these things; these were both in the name of Courtney; I have not resumed the other name since I came from Scotland; but Mr. Fuller knew me in the other name.

What name do you go by now?—I have gone by the name of Courtney these last ten years.

What name is upon your house?—Currie and Company; I gave him a sum of money to continue his name, not wishing my name to be used.

Do you sign receipts in the name of Courtney?—Yes, and all the bills are in that name; it is only Mr. Fuller, being a very old acquaintance, that knew me in the other name.

What other advertisements have you inserted in the newspaper under any of those names?—I have inserted no advertisements but what I have stated to you, except medical advertisements.

Mr. Barron.

Are you sure that, except in these two instances, you have in no one of your three names inserted any advertisements respecting the sale or purchase of offices?—I have inserted no advertisements in those names; I have always inserted in initials; but I answered them, and Mr. Wright and this gentleman knew me in no other name but that of Courtney.

Do you know what became of that appointment which Mr. Abbott was in treaty for afterwards?—I have not heard a word of it since.

Your own bills are made out in the name of whom?—Courtney.

Not Courtney and Co?—No, Courtney.

Over your door there is Currie and Company?—Yes, it was originally in the name of Currie and Company; and after he went away I did not think it worth while to erase it.

There is no such person as Courtney?—Yes, I am that person.

Your name is Barron?—I assumed the name of Courtney, for the reason I have stated.

Have you any more right to the name of Courtney than to the name of Galen?—No; but when persons are so unfortunate as to get embarrassed, they prefer taking a name, to escape the consequences which they could not avert.

Are you rated as Courtney in the parish books?—Yes.

Have you seen Mr. Robins lately?—I have not seen him these six months.

Where does he live now?—I do not know; he went away from Bartlett's Buildings.

Do you not know where he lives?—No.

Do you not know where he went when he left Bartlett's Buildings?—No, I dropped all connection with him after these circumstances.

Where does Mr. Wright live?—Haversford Hill, Hampstead.

Mrs. JANE LOUISA CAMPBELL.

Mrs. Campbell.

Do you know Mr. John Annesley Shee?—Yes.

When did you see him last?—Last night.

Is he at the house where he usually resides?—No, I met him by chance in Oxford-road last night.

Where do you live yourself?—N° 31, High-street.

Do you live in the house where Mr. John Shee usually resides?—Yes.

When did you see him last in that house?—On Tuesday, about half past four.

Do you know where he went, after he had been in this room?—I do not know.

Did he mention to you having been examined?—No; I knew he had a summons in the morning, because the servant took it in.

Have you not seen him in that house since?—No.

Do you know where he resides now?—No, I do not.

Do you know the reason of his not returning home?—No, I did not, until the gentlemen came and asked for him that night.

Did he not acquaint you, that he should not return to your house?—No; I asked him whether he should not return to dinner; he said, no; he did not stay in the house five minutes.

At what time last night did you see him?—About seven o'clock.

Did you go into any house with him?—No.

Did you part from him in the street?—Yes, in Oxford-road.

Did you ask him, whether he was about to return home?—Yes; I asked him whether he was coming home last night, and he said, no.

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Mrs. Campbell.

Did you not ask him where he meant to pass the night?—No.

Are you sure of that?—I am sure of it.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Mee?—No.

Do you not know him by sight?—I have seen him come to the door.

Have you never seen him in company with Mr. Shee?—I have seen him come in and go out of the room, but not to be in company with him.

Have you never been present at any conversation between Mr. Mee and Mr. Shee?—No.

Are you acquainted with a gentleman of the name of Stoughton?—Yes, I have seen him with Mr. Shee.

Have you ever been present at any conversation between Mr. Stoughton and Mr. Shee?—I have heard them talk, but never about business in particular.

Did you ever hear them talk about the purchase of a Cadetship in India?—No, never.

Are you sure of that?—I am sure of it.

Do you know a gentleman of the name of Jones?—I have heard his name at the door.

Have you ever been present at any conversation between him and Mr. Shee?—No.

Are you sure of that?—Yes; Mr. Shee has a parlour to himself; his business is not done where I am.

You are living in great intimacy with Mr. Shee, are you not?—No, he is a lodger in my house.

How long has he lodged at your house?—He has been backwards and forwards at different times; I cannot exactly say how long; I believe it is not more than three weeks or a month since he came from Bath.

When did he first come to lodge at your house?—Some time about August, when he came from Cheltenham.

Was that the first time he came to your house?—Yes, and he has been away since that different times; he has been in Great Marybone-street to lodge, since that.

Have you other lodgers in your house?—No.

Have you a lease of the house?—No, I have not.

Do you rent it from year to year?—Yes.

How long have you resided there?—Rather better than three years.

Do you know Mr. Shee's father?—No, I do not.

Did you ever see him?—No, I have met him in the street, and have been told it was he, but I never was in a house with him; he is not on good terms with his father, I believe.

Does the father reside at Bath?—I am sure I do not know, I never heard him mention his name.

Have you at any time been acquainted with any transactions of Mr. Shee's, relating to the disposal of appointments to India?—No, never.

Did he never converse with you upon the subject?—No, never.

Did he ever mention that he was to receive money from Mr. Stoughton, for procuring an appointment under the East India Company?—No.

Do you know a gentleman of the name of Nowell?—No.

Do you know a gentleman of the name of Wright, who lives at Hampstead?—No.

Do you know Mr. Donovan?—No, I never heard his name till I saw it in the papers.

Do you know Mr. Robins, who used to live in Bartlett's-buildings?—No, I do not.

Mrs. Campbell.

When Mr. Shee came home, on Tuesday night, did he go into his own room, or what did he do with himself?—He went up stairs, and went into the parlour, and he said he was not coming home to dinner.

Were not you surprised, when you met him last night, that he was not coming home?—He said he was going out of town; I told him that he was wanted, that there had been a gentleman to him.

Does he take the lodging by the month or the week?—By the month.

Has he removed his clothes and property?—No, his clothes are there; two trunks, I think.

Have you received no information from him, either by letter or word of mouth, with regard to where he resides at present?—No, not at all.

Sir THOMAS THEOPHILUS METCALFE, Bart.

Sir T. Metcalfe.

The appointment to a Bombay Cadetship was given by me to a person of the name of Kelly, on Mrs. Scott's recommendation, she stating him to be a near relation of her husband's, I think a nephew; it was afterwards exchanged with Mr. Cotton, at Mr. Cotton's request, for a Madras Cadetship, and Mr. Kelly does not stand in the Company's books as my appointment, but as Mr. Cotton's. Mr. Robert Milward White will appear in the books of the Company to be on my nomination, though, in fact, I knew nothing of that person.

Mr. ROBERT LIVIE.

Mr. Livie.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Peter Abbott?—No.

Do you know Mr. Reding?—Yes.

How long have you known him?—I think it must be upwards of three years.

Upon what occasion did you first become acquainted with him?—From an advertisement in the newspaper.

What was the substance of that advertisement?—That a person had it in his power to obtain an appointment for Bengal or India; in consequence of which Mrs. Livie answered the note, and a person came to her, and, I think, it was under the name of Tahourdin, or some such name as that; it was addressed, I think, from Hookham's, in Bond-street. Mrs. Livie answered the note, and said she should be glad to have an interview; a person came in consequence, while I was absent from home, and said that he had received a note from her; she said, she presumed his name was Tahourdin; he said, Not quite so, Ma'am, my name is Davis. A conversation was entered into then, respecting this Writership to India, and Mr. Davis said that he had the means of introducing me or her to a gentleman who had that in his command. She made an appointment for Mr. Davis to be at my house at seven the same evening, and to meet me; in consequence of which he did come at seven, and was introduced; and he said he had this appointment to give away; and I wished it for a very near relation of Mrs. Livie's; we then went into the terms.

Was any other person present, excepting Davis, yourself and Mrs. Livie?—I think not; it was just as we had done dinner, and were gone up into the drawing-room; I cannot charge my memory with any other person present.

What bargain did you make with Davis?—He was to have £.3500. or guineas, which it was I cannot recollect.

Was any written engagement or memorandum entered into?—Yes, there was.

What has become of that memorandum?—Davis took it away with him that evening; he made an appointment for me to be in his house, in Northumberland-street, in the Strand, next morning, when I was to take the young gentleman with me to be introduced to his friend, who had the Patronage. When I came there, he said he had sent to the gentleman, and that there was some alteration he wished to make in the agreement I had signed, and that it would make no material difference, it was putting the sum he was to have himself, and that which some other persons were to have, separate; it would make no difference with me, only separating it. The thing fell to the ground, and the engagement was of no consequence; I never thought of it afterwards.

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Have you no copy of it?—None; I did not keep any copy.

Mr. Livie.

Were you introduced by Davis, at any subsequent time, to any person who was to procure this appointment?—Yes, when I came down to his house, at half past ten, he shewed me the agreement I had signed the preceding night, with the alteration he had made that morning; I read it over, and found it to be the same, and I signed it. He then said he had sent to the party who was to meet me, but he could not come then, and he had appointed him to meet me at my counting-house in the city. I declined doing that, thinking a counting-house not a place for such a transaction as that, and I appointed to meet him at Lloyd's Coffee-house.

Who came with Davis at that time?—Mr. Reding; that was the first time of my seeing Reding.

Do you recollect, in the amended memorandum, in what sums the money was distributed, and for whose use?—I really do not know; I know part was for the use of Davis; I do not know whether he was to have more or to have less; there was a sum of money to be paid in cash; he was to have his by a note from me, I think, at twelve or fifteen months; then he thought, I believe, afterwards, as there was £.2,000. of money to be paid, that he might as well have a little of the cash and a little of the credit; some proportion of the money, whether two or three or five hundred pounds I cannot tell, was to come to him; that making no alteration to me, I signed it. I think in the first agreement he would have no cash, for nine, twelve or eighteen months.

Can you not recollect any of the names that were to participate in the sum to be divided?—I really cannot charge my memory; when we met in the Committee-room at Lloyd's, Mr. Reding seemed to feel a little indignant at the meeting being at a coffee-house, and, I believe, some words passed between Mr. Davis and him; and when we got into the Committee-room we went on with the discussion. Mr. Reding said, if he had been satisfied about the matter, he would have brought the card of appointment in his pocket, but that he wished to see how matters were first. We went into the business. I said, I think, there is £.2,000. money to be given and £.1,500. more, making the whole £.3,500. Reding said, £.3,500. what do you mean by that? the sum is only 3,000 guineas. That brought on a discussion between Davis and Reding, which ended in a quarrel, and from that hour to this I never saw Davis. Mr. Reding was extremely indignant that Mr. Davis was going to impose upon me, by getting out of me £.3,500. being five hundred more than he was to participate in; it ended in a violent quarrel. He said it appeared to be collusion; I stopped him, and explained the circumstances which had passed with Davis; he appeared to be perfectly satisfied with that, but said Davis had used him extremely ill, and that he would have nothing more to do with Davis. I said, will you deal with me? and he gave me his card, and I gave him mine, and we were to meet the next day. Davis remained behind, and was extremely irritated, and said he was satisfied Reding had the appointment, but seemed to hint I should be cautious how I proceeded; and further added, that he (Davis) had often attempted to negotiate a Writership and had never succeeded. I was pressed for time, and said, as the matter ended in that sort of way, I wished him good morning, and never saw him since. He afterwards addressed a letter to me about what had passed, to which I gave no reply.

Did you require of him your engagement back?—I never thought of asking him for that, or seeing any thing about it; Mrs. Livie said, once or twice, you had better get it back; but I thought it of no consequence, the thing having dropped.

How long afterwards did you see Reding?—We went on for upwards of six months; almost every day he was teasing me. The next day he came, and he said he should be glad if the young gentleman and I would meet him on the Friday, whether this was Tuesday or Wednesday I cannot say, and that he would call upon me, and we went under the piazzas at the Royal Exchange, and walked there half an hour; he told me he was going up to meet Lord Clancarty, from whom he was to get the appointment, and that he wished we would meet him at the Salopian Coffee-house at four o'clock, which we did. He came in, and said, I will step to his Lordship at the Board of Controul, and he went, and was absent about a quarter of an hour, and he said his Lordship was very busy, that he was to breakfast with his Lordship the next morning. The Saturday he came to say, he saw no objection to this young gentleman passing at the India House on the next Wednesday. On the Tuesday following, just

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as Mrs. Livie and myself had sat down to dinner, I think at near six o'clock, he was shewn up to the drawing-room, and we went up to him; he said Lord Clancarty did not choose to part with the nomination till he was seated in Parliament, and that he would keep the staff in his own hand, and therefore the thing was done away with for the present. He then went on from day to day calling upon me and troubling me a good deal, and he got a sum of money from me; it was with the consent of the parties who were to obtain it that he got the loan of £. 500. which was to go in payment for the appointment; he went on with amusing stories, saying that Lord Clancarty's business was at an end, and Lord Clancarty was gone out of Administration, and that the thing must fall to the ground; then he said that he had other means of doing it; and he brought me one story and then another, and I think it ended in his going to Mr. Lushington of the Temple; in fact, I got so tired of it that I said I would have nothing more to do with it. I understood that he tried several persons, saying, that if they could effect this, he would put them into Parliament; and, among others, he went to Mr. Lushington, and he tried to get him to give him a Writership of his father's, saying that he would put him, I think, into one of the seats belonging to the Marquis of Bath.

It was not the Marquis of Sligo?—No, he was to get Lord Clancarty into one of the boroughs of the Marquis of Bath. Mr. Lushington and he had certainly gone on to negotiate, and I believe that Mr. Lushington had gone so far as to say, that if he would give him a seat in the House of Commons, he would give him a Writership for Bengal; and one morning he called upon Mr. Lushington, and said, I have just left Lord Boston, who desired his respects to Mr. Lushington, and that he might, with great safety, give him the card; he had taken the young gentleman and introduced him to Mr. Lushington. Mr. Lushington, I understood, was a good deal staggered with this, and said, I must go to my father, who is down at Wimbledon, and I will get the card and give it you to-morrow. He did not like Reding's manner and method of going forward, and he determined to go and try to find Lord Boston, and I think his Lordship was just gone out of town, and that he traced him travelling fourteen miles from town, stopping to change horses or to dine, and that he sent up his name, and that his Lordship received him; and that he mentioned having received a message from him that morning by Mr. Reding, and begged to know whether it was correct, that he was to be put into this seat in the House of Commons. Lord Boston said he never had heard of the name of Reding, nor knew that there was such a being in existence. In consequence of which, Mr. Lushington went immediately to Reding's house, and very nearly, I believe, threw him out of window, enraged at being duped in such a way; and he immediately sent a message to my house, saying, he feared we had fallen into very bad hands, and cautioning me against him; and the next morning he came down to my house, and explained the circumstances. I said, This will not do; it is discreditable to have any thing to do with such a man as this, and I will not appear in the thing any more; and the thing ended. I wished to get the money back from Reding that he had had the loan of; he hummed and hawed; I wanted an acknowledgment; I said, I am not in want of the money at present, but if you will give me a note at four months, that will do for me; he gave me a note at four months; when it came due, it was not paid, and I put it into the hands of my solicitor, and he is now in custody upon it.

Has the young gentleman procured any appointment since?—Yes; not in that way; the young gentleman, who was bred to the medical profession, did not like it, and I got him into the Stock Exchange; he got himself into some little difficulties, making some time bargains, and there were deficiencies that were made up by his friends; he was taken out of that situation, and after that he married a young woman, without our knowledge, of very respectable parents, but no property; and he had none. Mrs. Livie had determined upon his returning to his medical profession; and after he had gone again to his studies, and got his diploma from Surgeons Hall, the next thing was to get him into practice, and it was suggested his going to India as an assistant surgeon. I went to my friend Mr. Thomas Parry, who was the only person in the Direction I was acquainted with; I told him I wished very much for an appointment to Bengal, as an assistant surgeon; he told me if he had it in his power he would give it me with great pleasure, and he did give it me, and he went accordingly.

Did you ever see Mrs. Reding?—She has been one or twice at my house since this transaction. Mrs. Livie called there one morning, she was very impatient about

about the business not being done, and she took him in the carriage, and insisted upon knowing whether he was not playing a trick. He went to Spring Gardens, and Lord Clancarty was not at home, and he left a note. She never was at the house but that time, and I never was within his doors. He called upon me, amusing me in various ways, but I never associated with him at all. I had heard some strange things respecting him, just about the time Mr. Lushington and he were in treaty. He sent me a hare the day before I arrested him; he came that morning, and asked whether I had received a note; I said yes; and he asked whether there was a hare with it; I said yes; he seemed to think it very hard I should proceed against him.

Mr. Livie.

Had you any other transaction respecting this young gentleman?—Mrs. Livie was so anxious, that she put an advertisement herself into the paper. There was a note left with the grocer referred to, saying that he had an appointment, and that she should have it for 3,500 guineas; this was from a person who has been examined at the House of Commons, Mr. Donovan. There was a person who was clerk in the house of Messrs. Gregg & Corfield, in the city, who came to negotiate this business; however it ended in nothing; and then, about a month after that, Mrs. Livie saw the advertisement from Mr. Tahourdin.

Have you any reason to suppose that either Mr. Donovan or Mr. Reding had any appointment in his power?—Donovan I never saw himself; Mrs. Livie saw him. As to Reding, I thought it possible he might have means of doing it in the way he mentioned, as having two seats in Parliament; and I certainly gave it the chance of succeeding. Mrs. Livie was so extremely anxious to get something for this young gentleman, I was desirous of doing every thing I could to forward her views, and to serve this young man. I had reason to suppose after the first week or ten days that he had not it in his power; he might have tricked Mr. Lushington in the way he attempted, but beyond that he had it not in his power, I am sure.

Was the name of Mrs. Grove mentioned?—Yes, I think that was the name, a Mrs. Grove or Mrs. Jefferies; he told me a variety of things, and among the rest that this money was to go to purchase a Commission for a young gentleman in the army; that he was only the agent in the business.

Did he say at any time that the appointment was to be procured through any one, except Lord Clancarty?—Never.

You understood if he did obtain it, it was through Lord Clancarty, not by Mrs. Grove?—No, he pretended to have a direct communication with Lord Clancarty; that the money was to go to a lady, and very likely to Mrs. Grove, for the purchase of a commission.

Did you ever hear him mention the name of the Marquis of Sligo as connected with this transaction?—No, not as connected with this transaction; but he spoke of the Marquis of Sligo and the Marquis Cornwallis and others as being his friends, and that he drank his claret with them.

Mr. JOSEPH MEE.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Jones of Harley-street?—I am acquainted with all the parties in this transaction.

Mr. Mee.

State all the circumstances respecting Mr. Jones.—I have a very large family; I have nine children, and for many years I have been extremely anxious to get into a situation; I have failed in all my efforts in order to effect it; at last I came to the determination of bringing a few hundred pounds from Ireland, and purchasing in this country some situation, if I could procure it. Last December, some advertisement in the paper from a Mr. Calvert caught my attention. Mr. Calvert and Mr. Shee are one and the same person. In consequence of that advertisement, I went to Mr. Shee, and whatever it was it did not answer, and there was an end of it; but during my conversation with that gentleman, it struck me that he could materially benefit me, and I called again and again on him. During those unfortunate visits I stated a circumstance that, I dare say, is not now known to the gentlemen, which was, that I had a Cadetship. I had the honour of being known a little to Mr. Robert Thornton, and I requested Mrs. Mee, during the summer, to solicit a Cadetship; in the first instance it was meant for a friend, but afterwards it was not; my intention

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finally was, from my circumstances, to dispose of it. During those conversations with Mr. Shee, I told him the circumstance; he said those things were done; in short, that he could dispose of it for me; he asked me what I would take for it; I told him I believed they were disposed of for a couple of hundred pounds, but that, from my situation, I had rather have £.150. than have none. Either that day or the next day I heard from him, either by word of mouth or letter, that some gentleman had come forward and taken it. In the course of a few days afterwards I wished Mr. Shee not to have the disposal of it, and I went to him for that purpose; after being a few moments in the room, he took out a piece of paper and shewed it me, that he could not give it up, for in fact that piece of paper contained a memorandum from a gentleman to give him two hundred guineas; I confess I was surprised, as I thought he had disposed of it for 150; however I had authorized him to do it, and I made no observation; in the course of conversation he said, Perhaps I am more employed than you are, will you see the gentleman; I said I would, and that day or the day after I went to the gentleman; the purport of that paper was, that he would give two hundred guineas; it was signed by Mr. Home, or Hume, but I think Home; I saw him, and I understood from him, that he knew nothing of the young man, for indeed he did not know his name; however, it was understood that he was to have my nomination, and was to hand me two hundred guineas after it took place. The nomination took place. Previous to its taking place, I gave him the paper and it was torn, and after the nomination took place, he enclosed me a draft or a check on a Banker, which check I left at Cocks and Biddulph's, and they gave me cash for that draft of two hundred guineas, and I went to Mr. Shee and gave him £.60; I had offered to take £.150. and felt that I had no right to any more. It so happened, that just at this time I met Mr. Jones, who was an old acquaintance of mine, and lives in Harley-street. I did at that time attach no criminality to this; I thought it was a kind of thing generally understood, though not confessed, and I mentioned it to Mr. Jones, and Mr. Jones said, It is a curious circumstance, but I have a Cavalry appointment to dispose of, and I do not know who to get to do it; I said, I dare say Mr. Shee would do it; I fancy he commissioned me to ask him; whether he did or did not I cannot say, I should suppose he did; and Mr. Shee told me, I am authorized to give £.300. or have £.300. deposited for a Cavalry appointment, and I wish you would have the goodness, as you know Mr. Jones, to see him and get it as cheap as you can. I asked Mr. Jones what he asked; he said £.200. This is a transaction between Mr. Jones and me. I said, Mr. Jones, I am commissioned to give you 180 guineas; that was within £.10 of it; I told Mr. Shee that Mr. Jones agreed to take 180 guineas, and he then said, then the difference would make up pretty nearly the £.60. that I gave him out of my Cadetship; it did take place, and Mr. Shee enclosed me a draft for £.55. These are the full circumstances as to the two appointments. This of Jones's was Mr. Stoughton's. I was perfectly aware that that had come forward, but I believe the other was not known; but my feelings were so exercised, I was determined to bring it forward. I have only to say, let culpability attach to me. As to Mr. Thornton, suspicion cannot attach to him, but every thing that could be done I have done to prevent this being known. Mr. Jones at the very time said that he wished to purchase a Woolwich appointment, and I said that Shee was in those kind of general transactions, it appeared to me that it was very likely that he could do it; I said, there is Mr. Shee appears to be a general man; I went with Mr. Jones, and Mr. Jones said he would give a sum of money, I think £.500. or guineas. I knew nothing more about that; I did not know that that took place, till Sunday three weeks I was walking in the street, and Mr. Jones mentioned something about situations, and I think he said, I feel awkward about the Woolwich appointment, for in fact I have deposited my money, and it is to take place in two months.

How long have you been acquainted with Mr. Robert Thornton?—Mr. Robert Thornton I have met at various places, some perhaps two or three years ago; I have met him in different parties; I requested Mrs. Mee to write to Mr. Thornton.

For whom did she state that appointment to be intended?—For a friend of mine.

Was that friend named in the letter?—He was not.

Who was the person nominated to that Cadetship?—Mr. George Barker.

In what year was this?—December last.

Do you know whether he has sailed for India?—Yes, he has.

Was it a Madras appointment?—No, I think Bombay.

Cavalry

Cavalry or Infantry?—I think Infantry.

Mr. Mee.

Did Mr. Thornton ask you whether the gentleman was a relation of yours?—I never saw Mr. Thornton upon the subject, I was a good deal out of town; Mr. Thornton communicated with Mrs. Mee; the application was at first declined; Mr. Thornton afterwards came to my house, and told Mrs. Mee I still should have it; he knows I have nine children, and wished to oblige me; every thing that could be done by me was done; I had the young man in my room with my eight or nine children, and he was introduced to Mr. Thornton, to preclude the possibility of his suspecting any thing; therefore too much culpability cannot attach to me, but I beg it may not attach to him.

Was Mr. Barker introduced to you by Mr. Home?—Yes, I met him at his brother's house; I never saw Mr. Home until then, nor do I know any thing about him, nor where he is gone; his house was at No. 5, Percy-street, where I met him.

Whose house was that?—His brother's.

What is his brother?—I do not know, but I did hear, I think from Mr. Shee, that he had some appointment in Mr. Greenwood's office; I think his name is Joseph Home.

By whom was Mr. Barker introduced at the India House?—I fancy by Mr. Home; he went with Mr. Home at least from Percy-street; I never saw him before; I knew nothing about it, nor had I ever seen a ticket in my life till I saw that; I gave it to Mr. Home, who seemed to understand the arrangement, and said he would go with him to the India House.

Do you know whether Mr. Barker was related to Mr. Home?—I should think not; when I went to his house I saw Mr. Barker, and Mr. Barker only came within half an hour of the time to this House; Mr. Home seemed to consider the name as Baker, and he had got the name of Baker and not Barker; I knew the family of Mr. Barker, but I never spoke to him upon the subject, nor had directly or indirectly any communication with him.

Have you any reason to suppose that Mr. Home sold that appointment again?—No, I have not; he seemed to be very desirous that the young man should know nothing about it, and he took the whole management upon himself; the young gentleman was recommended by me in the ticket which Mr. Thornton gave; the ticket expresses that it was upon Mr. Mee's recommendation.

Have you had any other transactions with Mr. Shee, relating to any appointment under the East-India Company?—I never had; there was a young man who wished to have got this appointment, but he did not, nor have I had any transaction with Mr. Shee; I did not know him till December, and the whole transaction took place within a few unfortunate days.

Was not the sum of £.100. paid by you to Mr. Jones?—Yes, I brought it from Mr. Shee to Mr. Jones, for that transaction was in fact done by me; Mr. Jones wished to dispose of it, and said he would take £.200; Mr. Shee said he was authorized to give £.300.; and he requested me, as I knew Mr. Jones, to get it for him; he said, get it as well as you can; I was not in the habit of any thing of the kind, but I said, I suppose 180 guineas will be about the value. I told Mr. Shee Mr. Jones would take that sum; Mr. Shee wished to secure it; I said, there can be no doubt about it, for Mr. Jones knows me; however, to secure it, he gave me a hundred pound bank-note to give to Mr. Jones, which I did.

Do you know Mr. Shee's father?—No, nor was I ever in any way acquainted with him, either directly or indirectly, before December; it struck me he might be of service to me in obtaining a situation, which was an object to me, my family being large, and my fortune small, and I went two or three times to him; he did not, I think, ask about the Cadetship; I have no manner of doubt I mentioned it to him first. After my second interview or my third interview with Mr. Shee, I told him candidly my situation, and how I was concerned; in consequence of my opening myself in that way, he wrote me a most elegant letter, and that laid hold of me completely; he gave me reference to several gentlemen, I think several Colonels, in short most respectable names, for his character, and to his banker for his punctuality; it was that letter that laid hold of me, and it was that description of letter I would have shewn, as honourable to the man who wrote it.

Mr. Mee.

Where is the house of Calvert and Company?—The place where Shee lives is 31, High-street; but when I went to the original advertisement, it was not High-street, but some number in Marybone-street; the advertisement was by letter only; and I wrote a letter, stating that I wished to see him on the business. As I do not wish to conceal any thing, but to state circumstances in the fullest way: I had been lately at Brighton for my health when I heard of those things; I wrote to Mr. Shee from Brighton, saying, that I hoped he would not, if he could avoid it, commit me in any confidential transactions; Mr. Shee wrote a very fair letter, and said, if he could avoid it, he would not commit any transactions which took place in confidence. I saw Mr. Jones last night, and I told Jones, It is no use, there is nothing of the whole business that I will not state; I understand Mr. Shee has got himself into an unpleasant predicament, and I think it is proper that he should know my determination; I therefore just wrote a note, saying that I thought he had done every thing as far as a confidential agent could do, and that I wished to release him as far as I could do, for, that though I was not yet called upon, if I was, I should state every thing.

Have you received any answer to that letter?—No, I have not, nor have I seen him.

Can you state the number in the street where he transacted business under the name of Calvert and Company?—I cannot; it is Marybone-street; he had lodgings at some number in Marybone-street, and pretty nearly opposite to the place that I would have conceived was what they called the office of Calvert and Company, at least it was there I left my letter; I went to Mr. Calvert, a saddler's, and he said, I think, it is over at that house; I know where he did lodge for a few days in consequence of Mrs. Campbell's child coming, but his residence now is 31, High-street.

Was there any name upon the door?—I think not; I rapped at the door and asked whether Mr. Calvert was at home, and some maid servant said his letters were left there: it did not appear to me that he lived there, but that his letters were left there, but I was told I might find him at number 31, High-street; I left a letter, wishing to see him, and I did see Mr. Shee.

Did you understand that he went by the name of Calvert?—I addressed him by the name of Calvert at that time; but it was in consequence of my coming in the way I did to him, that he then wrote this letter to me, and gave me references; he told me then that his name was not Calvert, but Shee: in the first interview, he passed under the name of Calvert, and I should rather suppose the second, but certainly the first.

Did he give you any reason for using the name of Calvert?—No, his letter was extremely well written.

Was it signed Calvert, or Shee?—Shee; and since that time I have always addressed him as Mr. Shee.

Did you ever see any of his letters signed with the name of Calvert?—Never.

Did Mr. Thornton, who gave you this appointment, ever ask you whether Barker was an acquaintance of yours?—I never saw Mr. Thornton, but of course he did, because I had young Barker at my house with my children, and made Mrs. Mee introduce him, as a very intimate acquaintance, to Mr. Thornton; in short, every thing was done to preclude the impossibility of Mr. Thornton suspecting it.

The name of Barker was inserted in the card?—Yes.

Have you got the letter, in which Mr. Shee promises not to disclose the transactions?—No, I have not; it was nothing more than simply to say, that he would not, as far as he could avoid it.

Do you know any thing of Mrs. Campbell?—No; I have seen her whenever I have been to the house, but whether she is his sister or his wife, or at all connected with him, I do not know.

[At the East India House.]

EDWARD PARRY, Esq.

Mr. Parry.

Has the declaration, resolved upon the 28th February 1799, been uniformly annexed to every petition for a Writership since that time?—It has, invariably.

At what time was any declaration of this sort extended to any other appointments?—With regard to the Directors no such declaration exists; but with regard to appointments of Cadets, a declaration is made by the father or guardian of the person receiving it.

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In the appointment of every Writership, is any form of the same substance signed by the person receiving the appointment, or his father or guardian?—No, but it was proposed in the year 1800, to require from the parties receiving the Patronage of a Writership, to make a declaration on oath, at the particular request of the Director who gave it him, that the said party had not, directly or indirectly, given or promised any pecuniary consideration whatever, or any thing in any manner convertible into any pecuniary benefit or advantage, for or in respect of such appointment; but this proposal was overruled by subsequent proceedings.

Mr. Parry.

Does it then appear, since 1806, that a greater security has been exacted with regard to the appointment of Cadets than with regard to Writerships?—I think there does, as far as this declaration goes.

CHARLES GRANT, Esq. and EDWARD PARRY, Esq.

Would it, in your opinion, conduce to prevent any undue traffic in the Patronage of the East India Company, if a bond were taken from each party to whom an appointment is given, in a penalty recoverable by the Director signing such nomination, provided any discovery should subsequently be made of any valuable consideration being given or promised for procuring or promoting the same?—We conceive that it would be an additional sanction.

*Mr. Grant,
&
Mr. Parry.*

What is the course of inquiry usually made in the disposal of the inferior Patronage, particularly for the purpose of preventing imposition and undue traffic?—We believe that in most cases the parties who apply for Cadetships, for instance, are well known and confided in by the Directors to whom they apply, and often mention the young persons for whom they apply, in such a manner as to leave no reasonable ground for doubt; but in other instances applications may be made in a more general way, and it may not always occur to the Director to examine minutely from whom the Patronage is desired; to guard therefore against abuses that may arise in this way, some further precautions might be enjoined.

Do any checks occur to you to be proposed, for farther checking these undue practices?—We beg leave to consider, and to give an answer at the next meeting of the Committee.

Have any cases occurred since the appointment of the Committee of the Court of Directors upon Patronage, in which they have instituted any proceedings, and which have not been yet communicated to this Committee?—Yes, there was, in the case of a Mr. Swinton, a Clerk of the East India House, dismissed for selling a Cadetship.

In the case of any irregularities being discovered in the progress of any appointments, have such appointments been declared null?—In several instances.

In any of these cases, have the persons, whose appointments have been so suspended, been afterwards allowed to hold any appointments under the East India Company?—Yes, they have, under the course of regulation where the parties voluntarily come forward and make a declaration, been permitted to proceed.

Have they been permitted to proceed under any other circumstances, excepting those of making a full discovery?—No, they have not.

JACOB BOSANQUET, Esq.

Do any checks occur to you to be proposed, for further checking undue practices in the disposal of inferior Patronage?—I am not aware that any further regulations are necessary, some having been adopted in 1789. The efficacy of cheques will principally depend upon their obliging the Directors giving the appointment, to make particular inquiry respecting the person recommended to him, and to be acquainted with him and his connections.

Mr. Bosanquet.

Does any further obligation occur to you, as useful to be imposed, instead of the oath to which you objected?—You will observe, that the oath to which I objected was a retrospective oath.

Would there, in your opinion, be the same objection to a prospective oath?—To any person receiving Patronage, I see no objection whatever, and I am of opinion such an oath would tend very much to prevent corrupt practices.

Mr. E. Bill.

Mr. EDWARD BILL.

Were you in partnership with Mr. Sherfon?—Yes, I was.

How long has that partnership ceased?—Mr. Sherfon participates in a share of the business at present.

Had Mr. Sherfon a son, who was sent out a Writer to India?—Yes, he had.

From whom did he obtain the appointment?—I understood from Mr. Roberts.

Have you heard Mr. Sherfon say so?—Yes, I have.

Where does Mr. Sherfon reside at present?—At Fetcham, near Leatherhead, Surrey.

Does he practise as a Physician there?—He has practised as a Physician; but he has been lately in a very indifferent state of health, which has rather disqualified him from practising.

How long is it since his son went to India?—I cannot exactly recollect; at that time, I recollect, I lived with Mr. Sherfon in his house; it must be about sixteen or seventeen years ago; it might be more or less, but I think about seventeen.

Did you ever hear Mr. Sherfon say that he had given any money for this appointment?—I never heard him say that he had given money for the appointment; I heard, after the young man went away, that a sum of money Mr. Sherfon paid was the consideration, but that was subsequent.

From whom did you hear this?—It is so long since that I cannot at present recollect; I had it from Mr. Sherfon himself, I am pretty sure.

What sum did Mr. Sherfon say that he had paid?—I really cannot, at this distance of time, take upon me to say what the sum was.

Did you ever hear Mr. Sherfon say that he had paid a sum of money to Mr. Roberts, as a consideration for procuring that appointment for his son?—It is so very long a time since, that at present, I really cannot exactly state what Mr. Sherfon did say; but from the general conversation, and the impression it made upon my mind, I understood that he had given Mr. Roberts a certain sum, and that that was the consideration.

Can you not recollect what sum he mentioned?—I would not take upon me to assert any particular sum; if I was pressed very much upon that subject, I should rather suppose it was £. 500.

Did you ever see any letter from Mr. Roberts to Mr. Sherfon upon this subject?—I cannot say whether I did see a letter or not, it is so long since.

Do you recollect ever saying to any person, that you had seen a letter from Mr. Roberts to Mr. Sherfon upon this subject?—The only person that ever I communicated this circumstance to was a Mr. Fleetwood, and that is a long time since; we are very intimate; he has many East India connexions; he has two sisters married in the East Indies, and I have mentioned to him, probably, more particulars than I can now recollect; it being a long time ago, I have nothing more than a general impression left upon my mind.

Do you recollect conversing with Mr. Fleetwood upon this subject soon after the transaction?—It is impossible for me to recollect that.

Where does Mr. Fleetwood live?—At Pimlico, N^o 2; he is a Clerk in the Victualling Office.

Have you had any conversation with him lately upon this subject?—When I received the summons here, I was of course a little surprised; I turned it in my mind, and I did not know of any transaction relating to East India affairs, but this one, and I called upon Mr. Fleetwood to acquaint him of this circumstance; he said he recollected my mentioning it most undoubtedly.

Was that yesterday?—No, on Saturday.

Did he recall to your recollection any circumstances relating to the letter I am inquiring about?—No; I believe nothing was said about the letter.

When had you last any conversation with Mr. Sherfon upon this subject?—I have not spoken to Mr. Sherfon, nor seen him for some time; I believe not for the last year and a half or two years.

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Have you no recollection of having been shewn such a letter by Mr. Roberts to Mr. Sherfon, in which he requested payment of £. 500, or some other sum?—I do not know how the communication passed; I have totally forgotten how it was paid, or what passed respecting it.

Mr. E. Bill.

Were you on a footing of great intimacy with Mr. Sherfon, who was your partner at that time?—Yes, and I have been till lately; the share of the business was more than I was capable of paying, and he felt a little dissatisfied on that account; and therefore we have not been upon those terms of intimacy lately.

Did you ever see Mr. Roberts in company with Mr. Sherfon?—Yes, frequently; Mr. Sherfon generally attended the family, and I have seen them together.

Did ever any conversation pass in your presence, between Mr. Roberts and Mr. Sherfon, on the subject of this Writership?—No.

Which Mr. Roberts was this?—Mr. John Roberts.

Do you know where Mr. Roberts lives now?—In John-street, King's-road, Bedford-row.

The Earl of CLANCARTY.

In consequence of the examination of Mr. Reding, in which your Lordship's name was mentioned frequently, I am desirous in the first place to know when you became acquainted with Mr. Reding?—About the month of October, 1805.

Earl of Clancarty.

On what occasion did you first become acquainted with that person?—With respect to obtaining a seat in Parliament.

Did you see him frequently upon that occasion?—Three, four, or five times; more than twice certainly.

Did he hold out that he had the power of procuring a Seat in Parliament?—He did; he represented that a friend of his in Parliament, a very respectable man, was desirous of retiring from Parliament, but wished to make that retirement subservient to the object of obtaining a situation for a young man, a relative of his, either a son or a nephew, to the best of my recollection, and stated that if a Writership could be obtained for the party, he would be willing to retire. Having no wish to save any expence upon my part, and having no Writership to dispose of, the negotiation at that time closed.

Was this negotiation renewed with Mr. Reding, and upon what occasion?—It was; having mentioned the circumstance to my friend, Lord Castlereagh, and expressing great disappointment that the Seat could not be obtained, he told me that he had a Writership undisposed of, which, as far as he himself was concerned, he should be very happy to give me the recommendation to; stating, at the same time, the necessity of the most minute inquiry into the character of the party to be recommended; after various interviews with Mr. Reding, in order to obtain from him the name of the party who was to retire, as well as of the person to be recommended, and not being able to obtain either, the negotiation altogether closed.

Did Mr. Reding, during any part of this negotiation, offer a bond to your Lordship?—No.

Did he at any time offer Money for this appointment?—When the negotiation had closed, as to the Writership, he asked me whether three thousand guineas, laid on Lady Clancarty's toilette, would induce me to give him the Writership, which I very indignantly refused; after which I never saw him in my house once, nor any where except meeting him accidentally at Lord Sligo's.

Did any thing pass between your Lordship and Mr. Reding, at Lord Sligo's?—Yes; Lady Clancarty, two or three days after I had thus dismissed Mr. Reding, received a letter, signed, I believe, Charlotte Johnson, offering her £. 3,000, or guineas, for her influence with me to procure a Writership, and appointing a shop in the Strand to meet the party and receive the money; this letter was of course put into the fire, without any notice being taken of it; but the sum tallying so exactly with that Mr. Reding had offered, and coming so immediately after Mr. Reding's proposal of the same nature, when I met him at Lord Sligo's, I desired him to take care not to allow his friends to write any more impertinent letters to Lady Clancarty; and when he was gone out of the room I apologized to Lord Sligo for having made use of such language to a person in his house, and informed him of the reasons for my so doing. Mr. Reding, however, denied having any thing to say to the letter.

*Earl of
Clancarty.*

Did he ever give you to understand at whose disposal this Seat in Parliament was, which he offered you?—No, never; it was upon that, that the negotiation went off.

Did Lord Castlereagh offer you this appointment of a Writership for the purpose of facilitating your being returned to Parliament, if that could be obtained by this means?—Certainly; it being always to be understood that the party was of sufficient respectability to be eligible for the situation.

Did you communicate to Mr. Reding that you had a Writership at your disposal, which you were ready to give to his friend if the person recommended was perfectly eligible, provided the Seat in Parliament could be obtained?—I certainly gave him to understand that I had; or that the thing might be procured.

Did you ever dispose of any Writership?—Never in my life.

Do you recollect whether the name of Mrs. Grove was mentioned in any part of this transaction by Reding?—No, never.

Did you ever hear from Reding the name of the Marquis of Sligo, mentioned as connected with this transaction?—Never.

Or the Marquis of Bath?—Never; I believe no name of any sort was mentioned to me.

Do you know to whom this Writership, offered to yourself, was afterwards given by Lord Castlereagh?—I have not the least knowledge.

Lord Viscount CASTLEREAGH.

*Lord
Castlereagh.*

How did your Lordship become acquainted with Mr. Reding?—I think it was in the latter end of the year 1805, that I received a letter from Mr. Reding, which some days afterwards I sent to Lord Clancarty; I saw Mr. Reding between the receipt of that letter and the communication of it to Lord Clancarty, with this exception, I never had any knowledge whatever of, or intercourse with, Mr. Reding.

What was the subject of Mr. Reding's letter to your Lordship?—I had vacated my Seat on the acceptance of the Seals for the Colonial Department; the object of Mr. Reding's letter was to say, that he thought he had the means of assisting me in coming into Parliament, if I was not already provided with a Seat.

Did any thing pass in your conversation with Mr. Reding relating to a Writership?—Nothing whatever; I told Mr. Reding I did not want a Seat in Parliament for myself, but that a friend of mine did; I asked him to name the gentleman who proposed to vacate; this he declined till the terms were settled, with which having nothing to do I inclosed his letter to Lord Clancarty, and never saw Mr. Reding afterwards, or had any communication with him.

Had you any conversation with Lord Clancarty, as connected with this transaction of Mr. Reding's, in which a Writership was offered to Lord Clancarty's nomination?—I think, some time after I inclosed Mr. Reding's letter to Lord Clancarty, Lord Clancarty told me he had a negotiation with Mr. Reding, with a view to procure a Seat in Parliament, which he said had failed; in as much as the proposition he had made to Mr. Reding, which was of a pecuniary nature, had been declined by the person who was supposed to have the influence to procure the Seat in Parliament.

What passed between your Lordship and Lord Clancarty in consequence of this?—I should state, as preliminary to answering that question, that nothing in point of fact ever arose out of the communication I had with Lord Clancarty, by which the disposal of any Writership was affected, nor did the nomination to any Writership take place in consequence of that communication. With reference to the question itself having been put to me by the Committee, I feel it my duty to give an explicit answer to it; that I was induced to place a Writership at Lord Clancarty's disposal, and that certainly the impression under which I did it, was, that Lord Clancarty's coming into Parliament might be thereby facilitated. I stated, however, to Lord Clancarty that I did not feel that I could recommend any person for a Writership in the East India Company's service, who was not individually and in point of connections a proper object to receive a political favour of such a nature from a Member of the Government, and such a person in point of character as the Court of Directors were entitled to expect to be placed in their service, in consequence of any nomination they

they had placed at my disposal, on which point my decision must be reserved till I knew who the party was that solicited the appointment.

*Lord
Castlereagh.*

Subject to those qualifications, was it your Lordship's intention to have placed this nomination at Lord Clancarty's disposal, to be given in consideration for his being returned to Parliament?—I conceived Lord Clancarty, subject to those qualifications, entitled to call upon me for the Writership if it could be of use to him, either for that purpose or any other that he was interested about, and which had no relation to a pecuniary transaction. I must observe, however, that my conversation with Lord Clancarty arose out of a particular case stated, and, I believe, was never acted upon by him, otherwise than to ascertain whether that case had any existence in point of fact. I certainly did not conceive, in so placing a Writership at Lord Clancarty's disposal, that it could possibly become the subject either of sale for money, or general barter for a Seat in Parliament.

Do you recollect to whom this Writership was given?—I think, some time afterwards, Lord Clancarty told me that he had no wish to dispose of the Writership, and that in consequence of that intimation from him, it was disposed of to the young man who was in my contemplation for this appointment, if no communication of the nature described had taken place between Lord Clancarty and myself; and that, in point of fact, the name of the individual appointed to that Writership will be found in the list of the disposal of my Patronage; but I cannot specify the name, as there were two or three appointments of mine at that moment not filled up, and as it never proceeded to the length of my doing any act in furtherance of such a purpose, or to my giving any directions to Mr. Meheux, the Assistant Secretary of the India Board, to carry such an appointment into effect, I cannot state the particular Writership that would have been so used if it had led to any result; but I can state that any Writership I could have so used was, in point of fact, filled up by a friend of my own perfectly unconnected with the transaction, and that his name stands, in the list before the Committee, probably in the appointments of the subsequent year.

Was the name of Mrs. Grove ever mentioned to your Lordship in this transaction?—Never; I never heard the name of Mrs. Grove in my life, till it was mentioned to me in the House of Commons a few days since, connected with a story which I know to be false, and which induced me to communicate to the Chairman of the Committee the story itself, and to put him in possession of all the means which occurred to me, as best calculated to detect the falsehood and to further the inquiries of the Committee upon that subject.

Was the name of Mr. Davis mentioned to your Lordship in this transaction?—I think it was on the same night that I had heard the above story in the House of Commons that I found a letter on my table, when I returned home, from a man of the name of Davis, stating that he had been summoned to give evidence before this Committee, with respect to a Board of Control Writership, which was supposed to have been offered or actually sold through Mrs. Grove's agency, and stating his general reluctance to be called upon to give any evidence in which my name was concerned. I immediately wrote an answer to Mr. Davis, to say, that he could not do any service more grateful to me than attending the Committee, and giving them every assistance in his power in executing the purposes of their inquiry, and in detecting the falsehood to which his letter referred; and I think on the following day I communicated Mr. Davis's letter to the Chairman of the Committee; I had no other knowledge of Mr. Davis, nor ever saw him, and never heard of his name except in that letter.

By the means of any other Writership, has your Lordship ever endeavoured to facilitate any other person's coming into Parliament?—Never in my life; I never had any communication of such a nature; nor have I ever had any interference, direct or indirect, in the disposal of any Writership, other than those, a list of which is now before the Committee, the appointments to which I apprehend will speak for themselves.

Mr. THOMAS WRIGHT.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Barron?—No; I am not.

Mr. T. Wright.

Do you know Mr. Courtney?—Yes; I have known him since the beginning of September.

What was the occasion of your first acquaintance with him?—I accidentally met a gentleman of the law, named Dixon, in Lincoln's-Inn; he said, I think you have a son

Mr. T. Wright. who went out to India; do you know any person who is disposed to purchase a Writership. I told him it was extremely out of my way, any thing of that kind, and I certainly did not; he said, under very particular circumstances one is to be sold, and a friend of mine has applied to me to find a purchaser; an India Director some years ago stood godfather for a child, and said, that whenever that child came of age, if he was in the India Direction, he would give him a Writership to India. The child is now of age, say fifteen or sixteen, or whatever it might be; the mother refuses letting the child go, and the father, who went to the Director, said, my wife will not suffer this son of ours to go, I must beg therefore to return the appointment. No; he said, I shall not accept it back again, give it to any person you please. I said, it is a very odd story; he said, it is very reasonable that he should dispose of it, if he can; he went to a friend of his, in the law, and said, he had liberty to dispose of this, and begged him to find him a customer for it; my answer was, that I knew nothing of this kind, nor knew any person who would purchase it. I live at Haverstock-hill, Hampstead, and in the course of that day or the following a conversation was entered into by Mr. Hodfoll, the cashier to the house of Hodfoll and Stirling, in the Strand, who have been my bankers for a great number of years; he said, a customer of ours has been talking to me about a Writership; he wants to get a Writership for some person, who wishes his son to go abroad; I said, this is a very singular circumstance, for to-day a Mr. Dixon, of N° 15, Brunswick-square, spoke to me, and wanted to dispose of one under such circumstances, which I repeated to him. He said, are you disposed to go to our customer; I said, I had no objection to it, and I went in I believe, a day or two to Mr. Courtney, a surgeon, N° 107, Hatton-garden; in a few days more I spoke to Mr. Dixon in consequence of this conversation with Mr. Hodfoll, and told him I thought I could find a customer, from what I had heard, in about a fortnight from that time, or very near a fortnight; I was taken by Mr. Dixon to Mr. Coulthurst, N° 27, Bedford-row, a person whom I had always considered an attorney of great integrity, and there the same kind of account respecting the disposal of this Writership was given; it ended in Mr. Courtney's appointing me to call upon him one morning in Hatton-garden; very shortly after all this I saw a Mr. Abbott, a young man of about twenty-one or twenty-two years of age; he said he was the son of the person that proposed purchasing this Writership, and Mr. Abbott the father was formerly a considerable haberdasher, I now understand, in Berners-street, Oxford-street; he has left off business; he proposed purchasing a Writership, if he could get one, for his son, who wanted to go to India; Mr. Abbott was left by me at Mr. Coulthurst's, and I believe for the space of three months an incessant application and an incessant promise was made upon this thing, but it went off; I cannot account for the way in which it went off; three months expired and nothing was done; the treaty was not to go on without the deposit of a sum of money to pay the price of this, and a certain douceur to those who transacted it; and I understood that a sum of money to the amount of £. 3,000 or guineas, I think guineas, was deposited in the banking house of Hodfoll and Stirling, in the names of Mr. Courtney and Mr. Abbott, the father or cousin of this young man, to be distributed when this young man had got his appointment and had failed; but it was particularly expressed, by Mr. Coulthurst, that no money was to be given until the young man had arrived at Madeira, and had failed from thence; it ended in nothing but disappointment. I had no means of tracing the transaction further than to Mr. Coulthurst; I applied to him, and said there is something so abominable in this, why do not you let me go home, and have nothing more to do with this; I have got hold of Mr. Abbott's family, now I am teased by them about it continually.

Did Mr. Dixon name to you the Director who had made this promise?—No; I strove to get at that, but I do not think Dixon knew him any more than I did; Mr. Dixon assured me he was applied to by Mr. Coulthurst, in the same accidental way that Mr. Dixon applied to me, meeting him in the street; I asked Mr. Coulthurst the name of the Director two or three times, and he would not tell me that; I said, when the appointment comes, the Director's name must be known, therefore it does not signify; but he would not tell me.

Did he mention the name of the person who was godson of the director?—No; nor I could not get that; I was so vexed at last, that I said I would go to the father of the godson, if I could find out his name; but I could not obtain it.

Do you know of any other circumstances relating to the transaction, which would enable the Committee to trace it further?—No; I only traced it to Mr. Coulthurst, and

and he always refused to give me any further satisfaction than that it should be done. *Mr. T. Wright.*

Did Mr. Dixon profess to you that he had the circumstances, relating to the godson, directly from the father?—No, from Mr. Coulthurst; I do not believe he knew how to trace it further than I did.

Did Mr. Coulthurst profess to know who the party was?—I had no hesitation in saying, that if the thing existed he must have known; he represented the father of the child as being his client, and that he came to his attorney, in the course of finding this certain something fall upon him unexpectedly; and the plea was, that if he could sell it for a sum of money, he should be able to provide for this son to the satisfaction of the mother, without his going to the East Indies.

What had Mr. Courtney to do with this?—Mr. Courtney told me, that he had an acquaintance of the name of Blachford, whom I never saw, who had been a silver-laceman in Lombard-street, but afterwards failed, and he, Blachford, had found out this Mr. Abbott as the purchaser, and Mr. Coulthurst pretended to have got hold of a seller; this accidental meeting, between me and Mr. Dixon, occasioned my having to do with it.

Did you state in what manner the money was to be disposed of?—Part to the father of the child, as I understood; I understood Mr. Courtney and Mr. Blachford were to have a part of it; Mr. Dixon and myself were to have a part of it, from its being a sort of troublesome thing. I at last became very tired of it, and having had so much trouble, I said to Mr. Coulthurst, I wish to be left out of this sort of thing completely; to have no pecuniary gratification for the thing; let Mr. Abbott have the appointment, if he is to have it, and leave me out of it entirely; there never was a guinea passed, certainly, but out of the bags and in again; the money was returned to Mr. Abbott's relation. Mr. Abbott's father was a haberdasher and milliner, in Berners-street, Oxford-street, when this transaction took place; he lodged at an embroiderer's opposite Caroline-street, going from Bedford-square into Great Russell-street; the gentleman in whose name the money was deposited at Hodfoll and Stirling's, must have been a cousin; he is a linen-draper in Bond-street; the young man, who was to have gone to India, was a clerk to some person in Leicester-square, as I understood.

Mr. CONRADE COULTHURST.

Do you know Mr. Abbott?—No, I do not; I have seen young Mr. Abbott.

Mr. Coulthurst.

Upon what occasion did you first see young Mr. Abbott?—Mr. Dixon whom I happen to know, an attorney, was going home, one day, and he said, do you know any thing of a Writership to be disposed of, for if you do I can get you £. 500; I said I would inquire; he said I wish you would; I said I understand such things are done, I said who is it that wants it; and he introduced a Mr. Wright to me, then Mr. Wright introduced a Mr. Abbott; I made no inquiries because of the introduction of Mr. Wright, whom I used to know as a Sheriff's officer; I endeavoured to get off as soon as I saw him, not wishing to have any thing further to do with the transaction; Mr. Wright came to me fifty or sixty times, saying it was done every day, but I would have nothing to do with it.

Where did Mr. Dixon live at the time this conversation passed?—I think in Brunswick-square.

Were you much acquainted with Mr. Dixon?—Knowing him professionally; but he never was in my house before, I was coming home one day, to dinner, and he overtook me casually in Warwick-court or Bedford-row.

Did you never state to Mr. Wright, that the person who had this Writership to dispose of was a client of yours?—Yes, I dare say I might state that; I think I did.

Was that true?—No, it was not.

What induced you to say to Mr. Wright a thing you knew to be untrue?—After the introduction of Mr. Wright, I wished to get rid of the thing; the connexion was such that I did not wish to interfere, the fact is I had not the honour of knowing any of the Directors.

Mr. Coulthurst.

Do you conceive that your telling Mr. Wright you knew the party who had this appointment in his disposal, was the way to get rid of the whole transaction?—I thought it was, and I told him for a month, before he ceased coming, that I could not do any thing in it, and I never made any inquiry.

In what mode could you suppose that your affirming that you knew the person who had this patronage to dispose of, and that he was a client of your's, could induce Mr. Wright to drop the transaction?—My answer was this, I thought from his coming from time to time that he would be worried out, in fact I did not like the parties, and I told him for a month, before he ceased coming, that I was sure it would not do, sometimes I told him it might do.

Do you not think it would have been a more likely mode to make him drop the communication with you, if you had told him that you knew nothing of the party, and had no means of procuring the appointment, than by telling him that the person was a client of your's, and that you knew through what means it was to be obtained?—Certainly.

Then for what purpose did you tell Mr. Wright a direct falsehood, and for what reason have you endeavoured to give that colour to the Committee?—I assure the Committee I knew of no connexion by which I could procure it.

What advantage did you expect to derive from this conversation with Mr. Wright?—If the original thing had gone on, I think, Mr. Wright and I were to divide.

What do you mean by the original thing?—Supposing I could by inquiries have effected it, and supposing I had liked the parties, and I could by inquiries have done it.

Do you mean that you had the means of procuring this appointment, if you had liked the parties who had opened the negotiation with you?—No, I should have made inquiries to have endeavoured to have effected it among my professional acquaintances.

What connexions had you, through whom you supposed you could obtain such appointment?—I had none but among professional men; I should have asked other persons; Mr Wright told me it was done every day, and I said I would inquire; I certainly found myself in an awkward dilemma, and did not know how to get out of it.

Did you tell Mr. Wright a story of a child being christened, and a Director standing godfather to it?—I did.

What was the reason of your inventing that falsehood?—I wanted to keep him on till he was tired of it.

What particular pleasure could it give you to tell Mr. Wright that?—Mr. Wright was a man I had known as a Sheriff's officer, and I did not like to tell him the introduction was such that I did not like to attend to it.

Was it Mr. Wright you objected to, or the party introduced by him?—I did not inquire about the party; I did not inquire who Mr. Abbott was.

To whom was your objection?—To Mr. Dixon first, respecting whom I made inquiries, and afterwards to Mr. Wright.

Did you object to having any transaction with Mr. Dixon or Mr. Wright?—I never had any transaction with them before, and, when I came to turn it in my mind, I felt that I had engaged in a transaction from which I wished to extricate myself, and I made no inquiries whatever; Mr. Wright came and bored me, and bored me when I was ill up stairs, and was there almost every day.

You sometimes told him it would be effected?—Yes; when he used to come in a passion, I said I would try; he said, do try, I know you can; and, perhaps, if he came a second time, I might say I would try again; but for a month before he ceased coming, I told him I could not do any thing; he said, you may do it, and so on, but I declare most solemnly I never interfered, directly or indirectly.

How long ago did you hear of Dixon living in Brunswick-square?—In October or November last, he was going home at that time.

It was at your desire that Mr. Wright was introduced to you by Mr. Dixon?—
I asked

I asked Mr. Dixon who the connexions were, and Mr. Dixon introduced *Mr. Coulthurst.*
Mr. Wright.

Did you say any thing to Mr. Wright respecting this £.500?—I think something was said in my presence.

The object of this £.500 was what kept this thing alive in your breast?—Yes, if the Parties had been respectable I would have made inquiries; if Mr. Dixon had introduced to me a gentleman of respectability, I should have felt it my duty, as well as my interest, to make inquiries whether such a thing was feasible, but from the introduction of the parties I never made any enquiries.

You have described, in a part of your evidence to-day, Mr. Wright as a very respectable man; what made you think, at the time this transaction passed, that he was not a respectable man?—He is a respectable man in his situation as a Sheriff's officer, but when I should come to introduce a thing of that sort as coming from a Sheriff's officer, and through a man who had filled that situation, I felt that I could not do the thing, even supposing I could have done it the very next hour.

Have you been in the habits of procuring places and appointments?—Never in my life; this is my first application and the last.

Did you ever name to Mr. Wright the Director who had been godfather to this child.—Never; I mentioned an instance within my knowledge of a Major Money standing godfather to Mr. Skinner.

Do you know Mr. Blachford, a silver-laceman?—No, I do not.

Nor Courtney?—No, I do not.

ROBERT THORNTON, Esq.

Do you know Mr. Mee?—Yes, I do; I have known him some time.

Mr. Thornton.

Do you recollect giving a Cadetship to him?—Yes, I gave him a Cadetship; I had promised one to him; it is impossible for me accurately to remember the number of months ago; but he applied to me for a relation of his, I should think about eight or nine months ago; I had been in circumstances of being a little obliged to him; I had been in the habits of visiting him, and Mr. and Mrs. Mee had been in the habits occasionally, but not often, of visiting at our house; they were at a breakfast of Mrs. Thornton's last spring, and had been a few times besides. It happened, about two or three years ago, that I had been making a very large collection of prints, and I wanted some information relative to engravers, that I might not be taken in with regard to artists; I thought I could obtain it in that channel. Mrs. Mee has taken likenesses at a very high price, in a superior style, and I obtained through them some information which was useful to me; it rested upon my mind as an obligation, and I had no very easy means of requiting it; and when Mrs. Mee solicited a Cadetship for a relation, it seemed very natural for me to give him it, and I felt pleasure and gratification that, having received a trifling kindness, I could give a thing that I had no particular occasion for at the time; about a fortnight after I received a letter, to tell me that the young man I had been so kind as to give this for was ill, and could not go out, begging to thank me for my readiness, and that they should have no occasion to trouble me; I considered that the thing was entirely at an end; but in perhaps six months after that, six weeks or two months ago, Mr. Mee made a second application to me, and said as I had been so liberal as to offer that before which he had relinquished, he should be very glad if I could give him the same appointment; I said, I could not give him the same, but I would try to give him another; and it was not so convenient then, because we had a less share of Patronage, and I had made my arrangements; but I rather managed, by delaying another person to give it to him, and I desired to know particularly who the young man was, and to see him; and I went to the house, as I thought accidentally, and there was the young man. I believe I had said I could call about such a time, but had not named the hour nor, I think, the day; the young man was in the house, and he was brought to me; he was in appearance fit to go, and I filled up the card with the name of Barker, and said, moreover, I am very much hurried as to the detail; I cannot advise you as to what ship to go by, and so on, but I will give you an order to Mr. Abington, the Clerk at the India-house; you may enter into full detail with him, and he will put you into the way in any thing, which is the way I generally do with my young men; I never heard any thing more of it

Mr. Thornton. from that time to this. On Saturday night, late, I heard that one of mine had been sold; I asked in what name, and they told me a Mr. May, on which I went and looked over my books, and I could find no Mr. May; I do not always put down the name of the man going out, which is to be had at the India-house; however, with Mr. May I could not make out any thing, and I went to all the people, whose names of their friends I could not recollect, to five or six, and desired they would find out a Mr. May, and I put them into great alarm, and they went all over the town; I feared that I had given a card to a person that I should never trace; that I had mistaken, in a hurry, and that I should be unable to give any trace; when I heard the name of Mee, it was understood by me in a moment; but Mr. Mee never gave me any information that he had got into this scrape.

Do you recollect in what state of relationship Mr. Mee said that this young man stood to him or Mrs. Mee?—I do not think he mentioned precisely any, but he mentioned some relationship, but whether he said so the second time, I cannot say; having promised it in the first instance, I conceived it to be the same person, in the second instance, for whom I had promised it, it being stated that he could not go out on account of ill health.

STEPHEN LUSHINGTON, Esquire, L.L.D. a Member of the House.

*Lushington,
Esq.*

Do you know Mr. Reding?—Yes.

What was the occasion of your first acquaintance with him?—Mr. Reding, as I think, about three years ago came to my chambers, and told me he was sent by the Marquis of Bath, who had a person he was particularly interested for to provide for, and that the Marquis of Bath had authorized him to offer me a Seat in Parliament for Weobly, for seven years complete, independent of all obligation in Parliament; in consequence of this, I mentioned it to my father, and my father desired I would find out who Mr. Reding was, and whether it was true or not; in consequence of his directions I took pains to discover, and I found that Mr. Reding was a rank impostor; that the Marquis of Bath never did authorize him, and that he had done this for the purpose of obtaining money from some person or other; I believe I communicated this to my father, but it was only a few months before his death, and for three years before his death he was not well above three months out of the twelve; that was the end of it.

What did Mr. Reding state to you that the Marquis of Bath required for his friend, for whom he was so much interested?—A Writership.

Did you mention this circumstance to Sir Stephen Lushington?—Certainly; it was by his wish I went further in the business.

Did Mr. Reding understand from you, that a Writership would be at the disposal of the Marquis of Bath's friends, provided the Seat in Parliament could be obtained?—Mr. Reding called one morning, and told me he had seen Lord Bagot that morning, and that Lord Bagot had informed him that the Marquis of Bath was ready to put into execution his offer to me, if I would give him the card; I then asked the name of the person for whom it was intended; for my apprehension at first was, that it was a natural son of the Marquis's; he told me a name which I have forgotten, and that the character of the young man might be learned somewhere in Lambs-conduit-street; in consequence of his mentioning Lord Bagot, I inquired whether Lord Bagot was in town; I found he had quitted town that morning on his road for Staffordshire; it appeared to me, from this circumstance, very probable that he had seen Lord Bagot, as he had stated that he was gone to Staffordshire; however, I followed Lord Bagot, and he stated that he did not know the Marquis of Bath nor Mr. Reding, and I informed the lady in Lambs-conduit-street; I think her name was Livie; I was unwell in the evening and she came down to my chambers, and she informed me it was a relation of hers, and pressed me extremely upon the subject; I did not give her precisely the answer I should to a gentleman, and she requested I would call upon her afterwards, which I did; and when I next saw Mr. Reding, I said, you saw Lord Bagot on such a day; he said, yes; I said, it is rather extraordinary, for Lord Bagot did not see you. I never saw him since, except one day, meeting him in the street,

street, he attempted to stop me; I said, you are a scoundrel, and walked on. I understood from Mrs. Livie, that he had obtained money from her, but I cannot state positively that it was on the subject of this Writership, for she told me he gave some security or other, some deeds or some papers.

*S. Lushington,
Esq.*

Did the whole of your negotiation with Reding relate to the exchange of a Seat in Parliament for a Writership?—Certainly; I had not the slightest knowledge of him by sight, name, or any thing else till he called upon me.

Mr. RICHARD BLACHFORD.

How long have you known Mr. Coulthurst?—I do not recollect the name at all; I have no acquaintance with him.

Mr. Blachford.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Wright?—No, I am not.

Do you know Mr. Dixon?—No.

Do you know Mr. Abbott?—Yes, very well.

Do you recollect any thing passing with respect to Mr. Abbott's soliciting an appointment to India?—Yes, I do.

State the circumstances of that transaction?—Mr. Abbott's father wanted a situation for his son, who was in the linen trade; he wished to get him out to India if he possibly could; he had no interest to do it of his own account, and he heard that these things were to be had now and then; he spoke to me, and I said, I believe these things are sometimes advertised as to be had, but that they were dangerous things to have to do with, and that he would be most likely not to succeed, however I heard the name of a person who said he could get something of this kind, Mr. Courtney of Hatton-garden; I saw Mr. Courtney several times upon it, he told me his friend was certain it could be done; I told him, I thought it was a great pity Mr. Abbott should place money in the hands of a banker without a certainty that it would be done; however, he stated himself to be perfectly satisfied it would be done, and the money was deposited in the hands of a banker in the Strand, Messrs. Hodfoll and Stirling, in two joint names, Mr. Abbott, nephew of the old gentleman, and Mr. Courtney; it was to remain there so many days, and if the situation was procured, the money was to be paid to Mr. Courtney; it was there for two months, I think; I inquired, while I was in town, and found nothing was done; I told Mr. Abbott I would have my money back again from the parties.

Had you several conversations with Mr. Courtney upon this subject?—Yes; I went to him several times, to know whether there was any probability of this being done; he did not like such a sum of money to lie idle; he always gave me the answer, that there was no fear it would be done.

Did Mr. Courtney ever mention to you through what channel he was to procure this appointment?—No, he did not; but I went to him one morning, and I think it was Mrs. Courtney said, there was a gentleman just come or just gone that they thought could give some light into the business: Mr. Courtney was not at home; I have heard him mention the name of Wright, but I did not know him, nor never saw him.

Was Mr. Coulthurst's name mentioned to you in this transaction?—I had no other name mentioned but that of Mr. Courtney in this transaction; I only happened accidentally to hear the name of Mr. Wright mentioned.

Do you know any thing more of this transaction?—No, only that it did not succeed; and that the money was drawn back again by Mr. Abbott.

You never have known Mr. Coulthurst at all?—No, I have not.

Mr. ANNESLEY M^cKERCHER SHEE.Mr. A. M. Shee.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Donovan?—I know Mr. Donovan of Charles-street, personally; I am not intimate with him.

Have you at any time had any transactions with him, relating to the Patronage of the East India Company?—Never; I have often heard him propose business, but I never could do any thing with him.

Have you ever advertised in any of the public papers, for the purchase or sale of Patronage, under the East India Company?—I have.

State what particular cases of that kind you have been concerned in?—I have advertised for Cadetships and Writerships.

Was it to buy or to sell that you advertised, or both?—Both.

What was the last transaction of that kind in which you were concerned?—It was a Cadet; indeed I never had a Writership, I never succeeded in getting one.

Did you succeed in getting a Cadetship?—Yes. I have done very little business for the last six years; the last I had was from a Mr. Matthew, Captain Matthew, and I believe he got it from a Director, through the interest of Captain Sealey, who was, I believe, a Captain of an Indiaman.

In what year was this?—About three months ago.

Before Christmas?—It was between two and three months ago.

Who was the person for whom that Cadetship was procured?—Upon my word I scarcely know; I never saw the young gentleman, it is a very remarkable name; I could inform the Committee if necessary; I was applied to by another broker, and I put him into the hands of Captain Matthew, who conducted the business.

To whom was the money paid for that appointment?—Captain Matthew.

What did he receive?—£.120.

Was it an Infantry Cadetship?—Yes.

To which Settlement?—I believe to Bengal; I am pretty sure it was to Bengal.

What did you receive?—I received £.40.

What did any other agent receive, who was concerned in this transaction?—I do not know of any other money that was paid.

What other agent or broker was concerned in this transaction?—The gentleman that applied to me was Captain Holmes.

What application did he make to you?—To get a Cadetship for a young gentleman, a friend of his.

Was the Cadet who was appointed, a person recommended by Captain Holmes?—Yes, to me he was.

Was the money paid by Captain Holmes?—No, I believe not, it was paid by somebody in the Borough; I think some merchant in the Borough; I did not receive it myself, I believe Captain Matthew received it. I received £.40.

From whom did you receive £.40.?—It came through Captain Matthew to me.

What was the name of the person in the Borough?—I do not know the name; I knew nobody in the business, but Captain Matthew and Captain Holmes.

Was this £.40. paid directly from Captain Matthew to you?—No, he sent it to me; he sent me £.30. and afterwards I got £.10. from Captain Holmes, making £.40.

In whose gift was this Cadetship?—I do not know; I understood from Captain Matthew, that he got it through the interest of Captain Sealey; but who the Director was that Captain Sealey got it from, I cannot tell; I had little more to do in the concern, than recommending Mr. Holmes's friend to Captain Matthew; I never saw the young gentleman myself.

Have

Have you any memorandum at home, that will furnish you with the name of the person appointed?—Yes, I have. *Mr. A. M. Shee.*

Have you any documents at home, that will furnish you with the name of the Director, in whose Patronage this Cadetship was?—No, I never knew that. It was accidentally that I knew Captain Matthew got it through Mr. Sealey; he happened to mention that he got it through a Captain Sealey, who I believe is an old Captain of an Indiaman.

Where does Captain Sealey live?—I understand he lives in Guildford-street; I think near the Foundling Hospital. I never saw him; I do not know him at all.

Where does Captain Matthew live?—I really do not know; I believe he is under some embarrassments at present; he did not come to me with the money, he sent it to me. I believe if a letter was addressed to him at N^o 2, Pratt's Place, Lambeth, it would be conveyed to him; his mother-in-law lives there, and I suppose she knows where he is.

When did you last see him?—About the time that I got the money from him, about two months ago.

Do you know whether the gentleman to whom the Cadetship was given, has failed?—I do not; I never heard any thing more about it.

Did this transaction originate in an advertisement in the papers?—No, Captain Holmes knew that, some years ago, I used to have a great deal of interest, but for the last six years I have been a prisoner in the Fleet, and consequently could not do much business; but when I recovered my liberty, by a compromise with my creditors, Mr. Holmes applied to me, knowing I used to have interest in that way. This was the first business I did after getting my liberty.

What business did your son conduct for you?—None for me, latterly; he was to have supported his mother and his sister and me, out of the business; but all I ever had from him, in the six years he has conducted it, was £.40.

What interest had you, by means of which you obtained any of those appointments previous to your confinement?—There was a Mrs. Morrison used to get me some things of this kind; a great many of the persons are dead; Mr. Wright used to get me a great many.

What Mr. Wright?—He formerly kept the City Coffee-house in Cheapside.

Do you know where he lives now?—No, he deserted me; he acknowledged that he was bribed to do it; he got a Purser'ship for his son, to go out of the way, and I was unfortunately made the cat's-paw by the East-India Directors, to save their Patronage; in the year 1800, they made me the victim; and, as I understood from Wright, they gave his son a Purser'ship of an East Indiaman, not to appear to his subpoena; in consequence of which, having no evidence, I of course was convicted. It was the most shameful transaction that ever took place, and which ought to be the subject of a public inquiry.

Was Mr. Wright a sheriff's officer?—No, he had been a wine merchant, and failed, and afterwards took the City Coffee-house.

Does Mrs. Morrison live in Temple-place, Blackfriar's-road?—Somewhere thereabouts.

What transactions have you had with her upon this subject?—She has got me Cadetries.

What Cadetries did she obtain for you?—The last was for a Mr. Williams.

Do you know his Christian name?—No, I really do not; I do not think I have any memorandum of his name, further than that he is son of a Mr. Williams of Bristol.

In what year was that?—It was sometime last year; the latter end of last year; I think I was in prison at the time she procured it.

Do you know in whose Patronage that appointment was, which was obtained for Mr. Williams?—No, I do not think I ever heard it mentioned; I did as I said before; I never saw the young gentleman; I sent him and his father to her, and she

Mr. A. M. Shee. got the business done, and I never heard any thing more about it. Mr. Williams made me a present of £.10. for introducing him.

Did Mr. Williams apply to you in the first instance?—Yes, somebody recommended him from Bristol to me; I do not know who it was.

Had you any thing to do in this transaction, but to introduce him to Mrs. Morrison?—Nothing more to do with it, excepting receiving £.10. as a present from Mr. Williams.

What did Mrs. Morrison receive?—I do not know, indeed; they made their own bargain, I know nothing about that.

Did you never hear from Mrs. Morrison what she received?—No.

Was this an Infantry Cadetship?—Yes.

To which Settlement?—I believe Bengal.

Was it in the course of the last year, 1808?—Yes, the latter end of the year; I think the fleet that went out about the month of July or August or September; I believe it was the very last fleet that sailed last year.

Are you positive with regard to the name of Williams?—Yes, Williams was the name, I know very well.

Are you sure that the father resides at Bristol?—I understood so; he said he was recommended by somebody at Bristol to me.

Is Williams an apothecary?—I do not know what he is; he is a very genteel man.

Do you know in what part of Bristol he resides?—No, I do not; he had been in the East Indies in a military capacity, I understood, before.

What other transactions have you been concerned in with Mrs. Morrison?—Nothing but Cadets.

What other Cadets?—I do not know, it is a great while ago; by looking at my book, I can tell you to-morrow, but I do not recollect at present.

Do you make regular entries in your books, of these transactions?—A regular account of the monies I have occasionally received; two publications I am about to bring out, which I am receiving subscriptions for, and these, are mixed altogether.

Have you papers at home from which you can lay before the Committee further particulars of other transactions?—I have only one memorandum-book, in which I keep an account of the cash I receive from any business I do, and the manner in which I dispose of it.

When did you last see Mrs. Morrison?—I never saw her since that time.

Have you not seen her since you have been at large?—No, I thought she did not behave handsomely to me.

Do you know Mrs. Byng?—I have heard of Mrs. Byng.

Where does she live?—The lady that I knew some years ago lived in Sloane-street, I think.

Have you ever seen her in company with Mrs. Morrison?—No.

Have you ever had any transactions with Mrs. Byng, relating to East-India Patronage?—No.

Do you know Mr. Oldfield?—I believe I do; he is a man who has something to do in elections; he was a prisoner in the Fleet.

Where is he now?—I saw him last Sunday se'nnight; I do not know where he lives.

Have you ever been concerned in any transactions with him relating to East India Patronage?—No, never.

Did Mr. Brown, who is in the Stamp-office, marry your daughter?—He did.

What

What transactions of this nature have you been engaged in with Mr. Brown, your son-in-law?—None, we are not upon terms. *Mr. A. M. Shee.*

Were you at any time engaged in any transaction with Mr. Brown?—No, I never did any business with him; I believe my son and he have carried on my business together; after I was obliged to surrender in discharge of my bail, they got possession of my house and my furniture and connexions and every thing else.

Do you know Mr. Ramsay, at the East India House?—No; I understand he is Secretary to the Directors, but I have no acquaintance with him.

Do you know Mr. Stackpoole of Kennington-cross, an attorney?—Yes, I know him, but he is not an attorney.

What is he?—He was in the Blue Horse formerly; I believe he is a private gentleman now, and lives upon his fortune.

Do you know of his obtaining any appointment in the Patronage of the East India Company?—I never heard that he did.

For himself or any friend?—I never heard that he did.

Were you acquainted with Mr. Devaynes, the Director?—No; I knew him personally, but had no acquaintance with him. I did meet Mr. Devaynes some years ago, I forget upon what occasion; some Address to the King, or something of that kind, signed by the inhabitants of Westminster; Mr. Devaynes was at the head of the Address.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Saunders?—No; I do not recollect any person of the name, that I know.

Are you acquainted with Sir Vere Hunt?—Yes, I am.

Had you ever any transactions with him relating to East India Patronage?—Never.

Is your son married?—No, I believe not.

Do you know any thing of Mrs. Campbell?—I have heard that he lives with her in some connection, I do not know whether proper or improper; but I have heard that he lives in the same house with Mrs. Campbell.

Upon what Statute or Law were you indicted at the suit of the Company?—It was upon the Statute of Frauds. The evidence on both sides, as I have learned from a very respectable gentleman in the India House, Mr. John Davison, one of the chief clerks in the India House, was corrupted and sent out of the way, in order that I might be convicted of a fraud, which I was no more guilty of than you were; he told me he gave two evidences 30 guineas to go into concealment, and Wright acknowledged to me that he had a Purser'ship for his son not to obey his subpoena; he was my evidence that I depended upon; he was the man that employed me; and Mr. Alley, my Counsel, told me, you have nothing to do but to bring forward the person that employed you, and you will be exonerated; but they prevented my bringing him forward, though he was regularly subpoena'd. My attorney and I attended him, and gave him a subpoena and a shilling, and he snapped his finger at it, and said he would not attend. My attorney, Mr. Willey, asked him if he knew the consequence of refusing to attend his subpoena; he laughed at us, and said he knew it was a hundred pounds, but that was no object. It must have been an object to him, for every body knew that he could not command one hundred shillings, if it was not given to him.

What was the evidence you expected Wright to give, if he had appeared, and which you conclude would have entitled you to an acquittal?—That he authorized me to dispose of the Cadetcy; that I had authority from him to dispose of it; for in the indictment that was brought against me, it was alleged, that I undertook to get a Cadet, when, in fact and in truth (I think that was the language of the indictment) I knew at the time I could not get such an appointment for David Kinnard (I think his name was) or for any other person; and therefore it was necessary for me to have the evidence of the man that employed me. The reason of giving 30 guineas to a person to go out of the way was, to change the transaction I had with him from a civil transaction to a criminal one; that was to put it out of my power to complete the business within the time limited by my agreement; I gave a receipt for the money, and

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and it was specified that the business should be done within a certain time; they took no notice of me till that time expired; when I found the business was not likely to be done by Wright so soon as I expected, I lodged the money, as will appear by Mr. Hammerfley's books; the £.100. was ready for the man to take back; but in order that I might not have an opportunity of doing the business, or returning him his deposit, he was sent out of the way to prevent my doing either, and Mr. John Davison informed me he gave him 30 guineas to go out of the way till the time had expired, so that they might find a criminal charge against me, whereas if he had appeared he might have had either his money or the appointment.

Is Mr. Davison now employed at the India House?—Yes, he is; I think he is head Clerk in the Buying Office.

Was the suit conducted by the Solicitor of the East India Company?—Yes; the Crown Solicitor was Mr. Chetham; and he also confessed that Kinnard was sent out of the way two months before the expiration of my contract; he acknowledged that to my attorney, Mr. Willey.

Was any person present when Mr. Davison made this declaration to you?—I believe he made it not only to me, but to several others; and he said, if I had occasion at any time, in a legal way, to subpoena him, he did not wish to be a volunteer against the Directors, but he looked upon the transaction to be so scandalous, that if I had occasion to subpoena him to redeem my character, he would come into Court and confess that he had directions, and did give the man 30 guineas to go into concealment.

In what year did he make this declaration to you?—1800, just immediately after the trial.

Was any other person present when he made this declaration to you?—I do not recollect who was present; but I understood he made the same acknowledgment to a Mr. Davis and a Mr. Walker.

Did they tell you he had made that declaration to them?—I think they did.

Who are Mr. Davis and Mr. Walker?—Mr. Davis is a surveyor and architect in Bloomsbury-square; Mr. Walker lives in Warwick-place, at the bottom of Bedford-row, he is an East India broker.

Have you seen Mr. Davison since the year 1800?—I have frequently seen him, but not to converse with him.

Has he ever repeated this declaration to you since the time he first made it?—No; I have not had any acquaintance with him since; our acquaintance broke off there.

Do you know Mrs. Williams?—No.

Do you know, from Mr. Davison, by what Director he was empowered to pay the 30 guineas to the Witness who absconded?—I understood it was by the Court, by the Chairman; he did not tell me any particular Director, but that he had directions, and did give the man 30 guineas to go into concealment.

Did he say that he had actually paid 30 guineas with his own hands to the man?—He did; and Mr. Chetham acknowledged that the man was sent out of the way two months before the expiration of my contract, in order to ground a criminal instead of a civil prosecution.

To whom did Mr. Chetham acknowledge that?—To Mr. Willey, my attorney.

Was it in your presence he acknowledged that?—No; Mr. Willey told me of it afterwards.

Did Mr. Willey never advise you to indict Mr. Davison?—No, he did not; Mr. Davison only acted, as clerk, according to his orders. When Mr. Willey and I found that Mr. Wright would not attend, a night or two before the trial, we waited upon him to know whether he would, and he continued pertinaciously to say he would not; in consequence of this, finding I was to go into Court without any evidence, not knowing what had become of the other evidence, for I did not know of the 30 guineas till after the trial, finding I was not to have the benefit of Wright's evidence, my attorney, Mr. Willey, and I joined in an affidavit, stating, that we could not safely go to trial for want of material evidence, and requesting of the Court that

that they would have the goodness to put off the trial till the next Sessions. Every legal gentleman that ever I conversed with on the subject, tells me they scarcely ever remembered such an affidavit, where a solicitor and client joined, being refused by a Court; however, it so happened my affidavit was refused, and I was forced to try instantly without the evidence. *Mr. A. M. Shee.*

Who was the Judge?—Mr. Mainwaring was the Judge; but I do not blame Mr. Mainwaring; the Counsel for the East India Company insisted on Mr. Mainwaring's not allowing it to go over, and insisted he should not allow that affidavit, which every professional man I have ever conversed with, say, they never knew refused in the first instance.

You are sure Kinnard and Wright were both served with the subpoenas?—Kinnard appeared to prosecute me after the bills were found; he was missing for four months; my youngest son and myself were hunting for him all over the town. I wrote into Scotland to find him, but never heard any thing of him till I saw him in Court, brought forward to prosecute me.

That was after the Grand Jury had found the Bill?—Yes.

Had you no idea of his being in London?—I sent repeatedly to inquire after him, but could not find him; they had sent him into Scotland, I think.

Mrs. SUSANNA WILLIAMS.

Are you acquainted with Sir Robert Peat?—He visits at my house as any other gentleman; that is all I know of him. *Mrs. Williams.*

Are you acquainted with Mr. Donovan?—I have seen his name in the papers; that is all my acquaintance with him.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Taylor, in Bond-street?—I do not know any body of the name of Taylor; I do not deal with any body in Bond-street of that name, and I could not possibly know any body in Bond-street, otherwise.

Have you ever been concerned in any transactions relating to the Patronage of the East India Company?—Indeed I have not the least East India interest, and do not know any one who has; I wish I had, I could provide for an orphan nephew of mine if I had.

Are you acquainted with Mr. John Shee?—He was once in my house, I am acquainted with his sister; I have seen him in her house, and that is all I know of Mr. Shee.

Had you ever any conversation with him relating to an appointment in the East Indies?—No, not the least with any creature living; he never was but once in my house, and that was merely with his sister.

Are you sure you do not know a person of the name of Taylor, in Bond-street?—Is it the shoemaker; no, I never had the honour of seeing him; I have gone into his shop, and that is all I know of him.

Have you ever dealt with him?—No; I went into his shop merely, I believe, to ask the price of shoes, and they did not suit me in price; that is all I know of Mr. Taylor; I never dealt with him.

Was that the only question you asked Mr. Taylor?—I do not know whether it was he in the shop, or any other person; I never saw him but on that occasion, and know nothing at all of him.

Do you know Mrs. Morrison?—Not even by name.

Have you any acquaintance with Mr. Devaynes?—Not the least; I never saw Mr. Devaynes but in a public room in my life.

Is that Mr. Shee's sister, whom you mentioned, of the name of Brown?—Yes, she is; Mr. Brown is from the East Indies, and I believe he is the only one that I know, that comes from the East Indies.

Mrs. Williams.

Do you know Mrs. Campbell, who lives where Mr. Shee does?—I have not such an honour; I have heard of her, I have heard her name.

What is her general character?—I do not know her general character, she is entirely out of my line of acquaintance.

Why is there so marked a line between your acquaintance and hers?—She does not visit any body that I visit.

There is another lady of your name in the same street?—Yes, there is; but I should be sorry to mention her name, if it would involve her in the same trouble I have; I thought there might be a mistake, as that lady came from the East Indies, and as I have not any East India connexions, I thought there the mistake might have arisen.

Mr. ANNESLEY M'KERCHER SHEE.

Mr. A. M. Shee.

Have you brought with you the memorandums which you referred to yesterday?—I have been searching for all, and have brought all I could find; I recollect that all my papers relative to any East India matters, are in the hands of Captain Matthew, whom I mentioned yesterday; I gave him the rough manuscript of a pamphlet I am about publishing (he has come later from school than I) to correct for me the spelling and the composition, and I have never been able to get it from him; if you think it necessary to summon him, I should be obliged to you if you would order him in the summons to bring my East India papers with him; the only paper that I have, is a draft of a memorial my attorney advised me at one time to send to the Directors of the East India Company, but I never could reconcile it to my feelings, to ask any favour of them; but it completely explains the business of the prosecution. I have recollected the name of the gentleman in the transaction in which Captain Holmes and Captain Matthew were concerned, it was George Teulon.

Was George Teulon the person sent out as a Cadet?—Yes it was.

Did you ever see him?—I believe I might see him in Captain Holmes's office once, but not to speak to him.

Have you recollected since yesterday, on whose nomination this Cadet was appointed?—I understood it was under Captain Sealey's interest, I do not know who the Director was.

What memorandum-book did you refer to, in your examination yesterday, which you said you had at home?—In this little book, I keep a memorandum of the money I receive in my business, a memorandum of advertisements that appear in the paper, when I take extracts from the newspaper of them relating to army business in the Regulars and Militia.

Was this the only memorandum-book you referred to, in your examination yesterday?—I have no other memorandum-book but that; I have one every year, that I fit into my pocket-book.

Is this a memorandum-book of this year only?—Yes.

What is become of those of the preceding years?—I believe they were destroyed; they were merely like that, memorandums for my own satisfaction, what money I got, and whom I got it from; I keep no accounts.

Have you destroyed any memorandums since your examination here yesterday?—None.

Are you sure that you have no older memorandums relating to the Patronage of the East India Company?—I have several books at home, several years back, relating to my business when I was in the Army agency way; I believe there may be some as far back as the beginning of 1787.

Are there any memorandums in those books relating to the Patronage of the East India Company?—Not that I recollect at present; there may be extracts from the newspaper, of Cadetries to be sold, or wanted, or any thing of that kind.

Did you not state yesterday, that you had in your possession memorandums of money you had received, and regular accounts of that sort?—I have such as that which I call a regular account only for my own satisfaction, as a memorandum of what money I receive; but at the expiration of every year it is no longer useful, and I make a new one to fit this book.

Did

Did you recollect, at the time you were here yesterday, that you had burned the memorandum-books of former years, containing your accounts?—No; I did not recollect that I had this, till I found it in my desk; the book of last year I burned when it was done with, and made this for this year. *Mr. A. M. Shee.*

When did you destroy that?—At the commencement of this year, when I made that new one.

What papers are those which are now in the possession of Captain Matthew?—They are relative to a plan for the improvement of the revenues of the East India Company, and the history of that prosecution. I do not know for what purpose he detains them.

Do they contain any information with regard to the disposal of the Patronage of the East India Company?—I really cannot recollect at present; yes, there is Woodfall's report of the debate in 1800, upon Mr. Tyrwhit Jones's charge against the Directors for abusing their Patronage.

Are there any memorandums of your own, relating to the disposal of East India Patronage?—It is very likely there may; I cannot positively say that there are; but I think it very probable that there are.

Was any such information contained in the pamphlet which you intended, or do intend to publish?—There is a great deal relative to the future appropriation of Patronage.

Any as to the past?—No.

Why do you suppose there may be such memorandums in the hands of Captain Matthew?—I really do not know; there is a mass of loose memorandums, and it is very probable that there may be some of my notes, or memorandums of transactions I have had, among them.

Did you know a Mr. Pratt, for whom a Cadetship was procured?—Yes; that is a good while ago, I believe.

Were you concerned in procuring the Cadetship for Mr. Pratt?—I was.

How long since is it?—I should think it must be the latter end of the year before last, 1807.

Through whose means was that appointment procured?—It was through Sir Nicholas Nugent.

What part had you in the business?—I applied to Sir Nicholas to get it, and I made him a present for his trouble.

What present did you make to him?—Upon my word, I cannot exactly say, but I believe it was £.150.

How did you pay it, by a draft or in bills?—I believe it was by a draft upon a merchant in the city, Mr. Stewart, or Mr. Nesbitt, or some of those gentlemen in the city who are Irish factors; I believe it was Mr. Stewart; not my draft, but a draft the gentleman brought with him, and I believe Sir Nicholas went there and received it.

By whom was the draft drawn?—I think it was drawn by a Mr. Foster.

Where does Mr. Foster live?—He lived at that time in the same house that I live in now.

Where is that?—N^o 10, Little Stanhope-street.

Do you know where he lives now?—He lives there now.

What is Mr. Foster?—A gentleman of fortune, I believe.

For whom did he procure this appointment?—For Mr. Pratt.

Do you know Mr. Pratt's Christian name?—No, I do not recollect it now.

What did you receive for your part in this transaction?—I think I had £.120. or £.110. I bought it of Sir Nicholas for £.150. or £.160. and I sold it to Mr. Foster for £.220.

Mr. A. M. Shee. To which Presidency was that Cadetship an appointment?—I believe it was to Bengal, but I am not sure; it was either to Bengal or Madras.

Was it Cavalry?—No; Infantry.

How came you to know that Sir Nicholas Nugent had such an appointment to dispose of?—Sir Nicholas had got several for me before.

Did he inform you that he had one at that time at his disposal?—I believe he did.

Through whose means did he procure it?—I believe he was acquainted with some of the Directors, but I do not know the name; I generally introduced the young gentleman to him, and he took him to the Director, and went through the business himself; I do not think I ever saw Mr. Pratt; to the best of my recollection, he went to Sir Nicholas Nugent himself by my direction, and Sir Nicholas, I believe, took him to the Directors.

To whom was your direction given?—I gave Mr. Pratt a direction I think, or his friend Mr. Foster, who applied to me, to Sir Nicholas Nugent; or I gave Sir Nicholas Nugent a direction to him; I really do not recollect which.

Were you in habits of intimacy with Sir Nicholas Nugent?—Yes.

Did he speak to you confidentially upon subjects of this sort?—Yes.

Did there appear to be any reserve or apprehension on his part in communicating with you upon the disposal of this sort of Patronage?—No, I believe he did not imagine there was any thing illegal or immoral in it, any more than I did.

Did you never hear him say, in any of those conversations, through what channel he obtained those appointments?—Through different Directors, I understood.

Did he never name any one Director through whom he was to obtain any one of those appointments?—I believe he once named either Mr. Perry or Mr. Parry, I do not know which; I do not remember his naming any other.

Recollect yourself, whether you cannot bring to your memory some other Director whom he may have named?—If I look at the list I can tell, perhaps.

How long ago is it since you last conversed with Sir Nicholas upon these subjects?—I do not think I had any conversation with him after that transaction.

Was not this transaction during the time you were in confinement?—Yes.

Did he come to you upon that occasion?—To the best of my recollection, he was within the Rules of the Fleet himself at the same time.

Where is he now?—I do not know, really; he and I are not upon very good terms now, and have not been ever since that transaction.

Did you think yourself ill used in that transaction, or did he think himself ill used by you?—He thought that I had made too hard a bargain, I believe; that I ought to have given him more money for it.

You have mentioned other transactions with Sir Nicholas Nugent; enumerate them to the Committee.—They were all of the same nature.

State the particular facts, and the persons to whom those appointments were given.—Upon my word, it is so long ago, I cannot; I know he got me three or four.

Do you recollect the Christian name of Mr. Pratt?—No, I do not;

[Mr. Shee referred to a list of the East-India Directors.]

I think he got me one from Mr. Roberts, but I do not exactly recollect the name of the young gentleman that he got it me for; I think he got me one from Mr. Plowden, but I am not certain.

To whom was the appointment you obtained before that of Mr. Pratt given?—I cannot recollect; I seldom took any notice after the transaction was over, and the gentleman had gone out and had paid the money.

What was the name of the person who paid the money in the last case before Mr. Pratt's?—I think it was Mr. Rice.

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What was he, and where did he live?—He was a young gentleman from Ireland.

Mr. A. M. Shee.

Where did he live at that time?—He came over here for the purpose; he gave his address to some mercantile house in Finsbury-square, I think, of the name of Power; the money was lodged there, and they paid it, I believe; but I am not sure that it was Sir Nicholas Nugent got me that; I believe it was a Mr. Salt; it was either one or other of them.

Who is Mr. Salt?—He is an author, I believe; I know very little of him; he applied to me, stating, that he had interest to get such a thing; in general he frequents the Chapter Coffee-house, and is a good deal among the bookfellers and authors.

In what year was it that Mr. Salt obtained an appointment for you?—I think it must have been in the year 1806 or 1807; the latter end of 1806 I think it was.

Do you know the name of the young gentleman who wanted it?—Rice, I think it was.

What is Mr. Salt's Christian name?—I do not know indeed.

Did Mr. Rice pay you any money on this account?—Yes, he did.

How much?—Mr. Rice himself did not pay it, but those persons in Finsbury-square paid it for him; I believe it was £.40.

What money was paid to Mr. Salt?—I believe he had £150., or I rather think it was £.200.

Was the money paid by you to Mr. Salt, or did he receive it from Messrs. Power?—He received it from them, I believe.

Did you receive £.40. from Power's house in Finsbury-square?—Yes, I think it was £.40.; whatever I got by it, came through their hands.

Did you receive it at their house?—No, I was in the Fleet; it was sent to me.

By whom was the draft drawn, or was it paid in bills?—I think it was in bank notes they sent it me.

Do you know in whose appointment this Cadetship was?—I believe he had it from the Board of Control; at least he informed me so; Lord Castlereagh gave it to him, I understood; but that his Lordship did not know that he meant to sell it, but conceived it to be for his own use.

Did Mr. Salt inform you that he had interest with Lord Castlereagh?—Yes.

Did he desire you to dispose of this for him?—Yes.

How did he become acquainted with you?—I believe somebody who knew I was in that line of business must have recommended him, for he was an entire stranger to me, and I have never seen him since but once.

Have you had any other transactions of the same kind with Mr. Salt?—No.

What was the transaction you had with Sir Nicholas Nugent, previous to that of Pratt?—I believe the one prior to that was not with Sir Nicholas Nugent, but a Mr. Christie; that I had from Mrs. Morrison; I think it was either Sir Nicholas or Mrs. Morrison.

Was Mr. Christie the young gentleman sent out?—Yes.

Do you recollect his Christian name?—No.

In what year was this?—I believe in the same year, 1806 or 1807.

Do you know for which Presidency it was?—It was to Bengal, I think.

Do you know in whose nomination that Cadetship was?—If it was Mrs. Morrison, she never mentioned to me; she was always so very close, I never knew whom she got it from; I think it was from her; I cannot charge my memory with having heard who the Director was.

What money did you receive on account of this transaction?—I believe it was £.200. I received, and gave Mrs. Morrison or Sir Nicholas Nugent £.150. or somewhere thereabout.

Mr. A. M. Shee. From whom was this money received?—From a Navy agent in Great Russell-street, of the name of Page.

Was the money paid to you by a draft upon that house?—No, they gave me a draft upon Stirling, the banker.

Can you now recollect whether you paid the £. 150. to Mrs. Morrison; did she come to you to receive it?—No, I think I sent it to her; I could not go to her.

Can you recollect by whom you sent it to her?—Yes, I think my youngest son.

Do you recollect in what month this passed?—No, I do not.

Was it in the summer or the winter?—I think it was in the winter, but I cannot speak to the time; it was not after June.

How did you know that she received the money?—She sent me £. 30. out of it; she was to have sent me more, but she said if I did not chuse to take that, I should have nothing: I think that was the transaction I had with her.

Did she send any letter with this money, or was it a verbal answer by your son?—A verbal answer; my son went to receive it; I think she was to give me £. 60. and she sent £. 30. and said, if I did not chuse to take that, I should have nothing; I know I got the £. 30. from the transaction I had with her.

You had £. 50. besides, had not you?—No, not upon that transaction.

I understood you had received £. 200. and paid Mrs. Morrison £. 150?—This is another transaction which has come into my mind.

Follow the transaction in which you received the £. 200. and paid £. 150.—That was Mr. Page's. I declare I cannot recollect any thing more about it; it was either £. 200. or £. 220. I received from Mr. Page, but I dare say his books will shew what he paid me.

What part of that did you retain for your own use?—I think it was £. 50.

To whom did you pay the remainder?—I believe it was either to Mrs. Morrison or Sir Nicholas Nugent, I cannot recollect which.

What was the transaction with Mrs. Morrison, in which she would pay you only £. 30?—A little man that is in the Stamp-office applied to me to get a Cadetship for a young gentleman, and I agreed with him; his name is Collidge.

In what situation is he in the Stamp-office?—I believe he is in the newspaper department. I made an agreement with him for a certain sum of money; he said he had authority from Mrs. Morrison to treat for it; however, when the business was done, and I came to demand what I had agreed for, she would give me no more than £. 30.

What was the whole sum received?—I declare I do not know; I think it was £. 200. or £. 220. but I am not certain.

By whom was this received?—I think it was received either by Mr. or Mrs. Morrison.

What did Collidge receive for his share in this transaction?—That I do not know; he told me, some very trifling thing; I know he complained of Mrs. Morrison not having behaved well with him, nor kept her word with him, any more than she had with me.

Why did Mrs. Morrison apply to you through Collidge, and not directly to you?—I did not know Mrs. Morrison till Collidge introduced her to me.

Was that the first transaction you had with Mrs. Morrison?—Yes.

Do you know the name of the young gentleman that went out?—Indeed I do not know, if it was not Mr. Page; I rather imagine it was before Mr. Page; I suppose Mr. Collidge knows the name.

In what year was this?—It is three years ago, I believe.

1805 or 1806?—1805 or 1806, I think.

Have you had any other transaction of this nature with Mr. Collidge?—No.

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Endeavour now to recollect your next transaction with Mrs. Morrison.—I do not know whether it was not Mr. Page, I am not sure. *Mr. A. M. Shee.*

What sum of money was paid for the appointment of Mr. Page?—I think I got £.200. or £.220. and I believe I gave Mrs. Morrison or Sir Nicholas, or whoever I had it from, £.150. I think I had a profit of £.50. upon that.

Do you recollect ever sending your son with a sum of money to Mrs. Morrison?—I sent my son for a sum of money to Mrs. Morrison.

Not with a sum of money?—No, I do not recollect that; I sent him for money, when she sent me the £.30.

In what manner was this £.150. paid to her?—I am convinced now it could not be her that got Mr. Page's, for I received that money myself from Stirling's house.

In speaking of Page, you think Page was the person by whom the money was paid?—Yes.

Do you believe, upon recollection, that this transaction, which passed through Mr. Page's house, was with Sir Nicholas Nugent or Mrs. Morrison?—I declare I cannot tell; I am convinced now it was not Mrs. Morrison, because I received the money myself from Stirling.

Did you go to receive the money from Stirling?—Yes.

Then you were not under confinement at that time?—I believe it was in the Term time.

What transaction was it, with regard to which you sent your son to Mrs. Morrison?—That was a Cadet.

Can you state the name of the person?—I cannot recollect it; it was a friend of Mr. Collidge's, I know.

That is the transaction you have mentioned before?—Yes.

Endeavour to recollect what was the next transaction you were concerned in with Mrs. Morrison, subsequent to that in which Collidge introduced you to Mrs. Morrison's acquaintance.—There was a treaty about a Cavalry Cadet for Mr. Hewitt; but I believe she had not interest to get it, and it did not succeed; whether Mr. Hewitt and she accomplished the business afterwards, unknown to me, I do not know.

Have you had any other transaction with Mrs. Morrison, which took effect?—Not on East India business, I believe.

Endeavour now to recollect the other transactions you had with Sir Nicholas Nugent.—I think there were three or four. There was another transaction I had with Sir Nicholas Nugent; I am rather inclined to think that I have reckoned that as one, but it was not an East India transaction; he got a young gentleman into a Clerkship in a public office for me. I believe that is all; I do not think I had any more with him. I think there were about three transactions I had with him, but I think I include that in the three; I believe he never got me more than two, one from Mr. Roberts, and the other from Mr. Parry.

You stated, not a quarter of an hour ago, that there were four transactions you had with Sir Nicholas Nugent?—Three or four, and I think I included this as one.

Is Sir Nicholas Nugent a baronet?—Yes he is.

What is the name of your younger son, that was sent to Mrs. Morrison?—William Shee; he is in the Bank of England, in the Bank Note Office.

Do you know a man of the name of Horne, a silversmith, in St. James's Place?—No, I do not.

Mrs. ELIZABETH MORRISON.

How long have you been acquainted with Mr. Shee?—To date my acquaintance I am sure I cannot, exactly; I was introduced to him by a young person who was under my protection: she came up to town in consequence of an acquaintance with a young man, who wanted to get into some house of business, and from my husband knowing her *Mrs. Morrison.*

Mrs. Morriſon.

her brother, I was induced to pay her ſome little attentions. This young man paid his addreſſes to her, and in conſequence of an advertisement, ſhe went to Mr. Shee, and requeſted me to go with her, and accordingly I went with her; that was about two years ago. That had nothing to do with the Eaſt Indies.

What appointment did that relate to?—I cannot correctly ſay what appointment: that reſpecting which, I ſuppoſe, I am called here, about the Eaſt Indies, took place prior to this, but I never ſaw Mr. Shee upon that buſineſs, and my name would never have been coupled with Mr. Shee's, had I known; but I was completely trapped into the buſineſs. I think it is about two years and a half, or three years ago, that a Mr. Howard lodged with us, who repreſented himſelf to be nephew to the Duke of Norfolk, and ſtated himſelf to have very great connexions and patronage; conſequentlly we were ſilly enough to believe him. My huſband had been unfortunate, through giving ſecurity for a relation of mine, and I perſuaded him to let part of the houſe, and this man came to lodge with us, having given us references to a houſe of reſpectability in the Strand: he had a very plauſible manner, and he told us he could do great things by ſelling Patronage. He introduced a gentleman, a moſt reſpectable man, of the name of Hewitt, as his particular friend; he was then tranſacting buſineſs of this nature with Mr. Howard, which failed; it was for a Cadetcy to Bengal, or Madras, I have not retained in my mind which, not expecting at that time ever to be called upon to give an account. I had a friend, a man very particularly circumſtanced, though he is a man of the firſt family; he was in want of money, and I told him, that if his friend would aſſiſt my friend by a loan only, if he would lend my friend ſuch a ſum of money for a certain period, till he could repay him, I thought I might get him to make uſe of his intereſt to obtain the appointment: conſequentlly I did ſo, and it was agreed between Mr. Hewitt, ſomething of that kind ſhould be done, but that it ſhould not be paid by way of purchaſe. Prior to this, he had been to Mr. Shee, which brought my name coupled with this man's. My friend did not ſucceed in obtaining the appointment; and one day, when I was ſitting at home with my friends, Mr. Shee's ſon, who is in the Bank, called and put a note into my hand, ſaying, if you will meet a lady at N^o 44, or 34, Weymouth-ſtreet, you will hear of ſuch a ſituation, on eligible terms. I, not chuſing to attend to this, without conſulting my huſband, told him of it, and he ſaid, you may go and ſee, but be cautious of money affairs, for I will have nothing to do with them. I waited in Weymouth-ſtreet three hours before I ſaw the lady; ſhe ſaid, that ſhe was poor, and that ſhe ſhould expect a compliment for it; I told her the father and mother of the young gentleman knew nothing of it, but that the uncle would make a compliment, becauſe he wiſhed him to go out with his own ſon.

Who was the lady you met in Weymouth-ſtreet?—A Miſs Spinluff; the appointment was given by Mr. Robert Thornton to Miſs Spinluff, and I believe I may ſay it was advertised. I knew nothing of the man who has been before the Committee, till long after this tranſaction had taken place.

Did you ſee Mr. Robert Thornton's card?—I did not, but my huſband introduced Mr. Maw (the young gentleman) to Mr. Robert Thornton, not knowing of any money conſideration, or any thing of the kind; he knew that there had been a preſent made, but of what he did not know; in fact, I was requeſted to lay out this money in any thing I might think beſt, a handſome trinket, or ſomething of that kind, for this lady, but, on conſulting her, ſhe choſe rather to take the money. What the money was I do not know, for it was given to me in an incloſed ſheet of paper, and I tranſferred it to her, and ſhe paid her agent.

Was Mr. Maw the young gentleman ſent out?—Yes; he was a very elegant young man, whom Mr. Morriſon and I wiſhed to ſerve very much. It was Mr. Hewitt, a relation of Mr. Maw's, who obtained this, and paid whatever was paid: this was only ſent as a preſent.

What is Mr. Maw's Chriſtian name?—Thomas.

Was it a Bengal or a Madras Cadetſhip?—Bengal; after getting a card from my friend, it was found to be a Madras Cavalry Cadetſhip; conſequentlly, his lay over till another opportunity, but he was to have received no kind of compensation for it if it had taken effect, only a loan for a ſtated period.

Did that appointment afterwards take place?—No, neither then nor at any other period.

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From whom did you receive this paper, which you delivered to Miss Spinluff?—
From Mr. Hewitt; I understood he was the uncle of Mr. Maw. Mr. Hewitt was introduced to us by Mr. Howard; he had made a large fortune in the East Indies, and he was anxious to have this young gentleman and his son go out together.

Mrs. Morrison.

Had Mr. Howard any thing to do with this transaction?—No; we found him out to be an improper character very shortly afterwards, and we were glad to get him out of the house. He owed us a large sum of money on leaving the house.

Did Mr. Hewitt communicate to you the contents of the paper he sent to you?—No.

Was it sealed up?—No; but it was a matter of honour, and I never opened it; I merely put it upon the table, and told her, there was whatever was sent, and she paid her agent.

Who was her agent?—This young man who was in the Bank. The old man sent several threatening letters to me, saying, that he understood that I had done so and so, and that if I would not make him a compliment, he would write to the Board of Directors, and would not let the young man fail. My husband desired, that if any person came on such an errand again, I would let him know; and on a person coming on that errand again, I called my husband, and he told him, that if he did not leave the house immediately, he would take him to Union Hall. Mr. Hewitt made me a present of a gold watch for Mr. Maw's residence at our house for six weeks; that watch was worth twenty guineas; he presented it the day he left town.

Was that all that you received?—Yes, it was, indeed; our situation was such that Mr. Hewitt would have thought it would hurt our feelings to have offered us any other consideration. Mr. Maw waited some time after he came to town, before he was introduced to Mr. Thornton; a letter from this lady introduced him to Mr. Thornton, and he was passed the same day.

Do you know as whose relation he was introduced to Mr. Thornton?—He was not introduced to Mr. Thornton by my husband, for he would not sanction an untruth, but he was introduced to Mr. Thornton by Miss Spinluff, as a relation to a Mrs. Dawson, a friend of hers.

Did your husband receive any compliment, either in money or otherwise?—No, neither directly nor indirectly.

Was he acquainted with the circumstance of your carrying this present to Miss Spinluff?—He was acquainted with it immediately after it had passed into her hands, but not before; for he desired me cautiously to avoid any circumstance of the kind; he did not see any impropriety in Mr. Hewitt's making her a present, but he desired that he might not be consulted upon the business.

Why do you think this appointment was advertised in the newspaper?—I think it was mentioned to me that it was so; I have every reason to believe that it was so, with a reference to Goddard's, in Pall-mall; I know it was stated to have been advertised, but whether it was by Mrs. Dawson, or Miss Spinluff, or young Shee, I cannot tell; he brought me merely a slip to say, meet a lady at N° 34, or N° 44, I cannot say which, and the business might be arranged.

What passed in your conversation with Miss Spinluff?—She said, she wished for a valuable consideration; that she had applied to Mr. Thornton for a nephew of Mr. Dawson's, but that the mother was so timid she did not like to part with the boy; and, she said, they thought it was a pity the Cadetship should be lost; and that she understood I had a young friend, but that as she did not know me or the young gentleman, she should expect a valuable consideration.

Did she say how much?—No; she left it entirely to me, and she appeared well satisfied with what it was.

Did she open the paper in your presence?—I cannot recollect that.

Did she appear satisfied?—Yes, she did; I know it was a very handsome compliment. She visited me afterwards; she dined with me while the business was transacting; and this douceur was not given at the time, not till a week or ten days afterwards. Mr. Hewitt told me, when he came to me, that he did it entirely for this

Mrs. Morrison. young man, because he was under particular obligations to Mr. Maw's father, and wished to give it as a present by himself to the lad.

Did Miss Spinluff say that she had advertised, or caused this appointment to be advertised in the papers?—I cannot say; I know I was told it had been advertised, but I cannot state by whom I was told so.

Was it in consequence of any advertisement in the newspaper, you made application respecting it?—I fancy that Mr. Howard had said something, for I believe his connexions were indifferent, and probably he might have told Shee that I was looking out for a Cadetcy; I think this man's son told me at one time, that he was a clerk in the Bank of England, very high in the One Pound Note Office, I think; and he stated to me that in consequence of his father being unpleasantly situated (but I never made any inquiries of him into his situation) he had waited upon me (I did not know who Mr. Shee was at that time, nor till sometime afterwards); and he desired me to wait upon the lady at this house in Weymouth-street. I went to the house; she addressed me with a great deal of confidence; the house was extremely well furnished, and had some appearance of rank and fashion about it, and I thought myself perfectly safe.

Did you at any time give Mr. Shee any money on account of his importunities in this business?—Never; I never gave him any money upon this business.

Did your husband give him any money?—Never; Mr. Morrison never saw Mr. Shee nor any one of the family. There was a man came once with a very impertinent rude message, and I called Mr. Morrison in and repeated the words, and he desired him to go, saying he would take Mr. Shee up for his endeavour to extort money.

Did he never receive money from you?—Never directly nor indirectly any money respecting this business, I once sent him a one pound note out of charity; what he extorted from Miss Spinluff was paid to the son.

Do you know how much that was?—I cannot say; I heard at the time, I think, but I cannot recollect it.

Did she ever pay him any sum of money at your house?—Yes, she did. I walked out of the room as soon as I had pointed out what Mr. Hewitt had left for her; the man met her at my house for that purpose. I said I should wish the business should be finished, that I might have no more unpleasant visits from the man.

Was this after he had called several times upon you?—Yes, I think he never came afterwards.

Did he come up into your room to receive the money?—It was in the front parlour he received it, I think.

Were you present when it was paid?—I do not think I was, for I walked out of the room as soon as I had given her the paper; I think I have heard it was somewhere about £. 30. or 30 guineas she gave him, but I cannot charge my mind with that as being a correct statement; I think she said she had given him a £. 20. note for himself, and £. 10. for the young man.

For what young man?—Young Shee.

Do you mean that old Shee came to your house?—No, the young man, who was a clerk in the Bank Note Office; she said the young man seemed a deserving honest young man, and his situation was not good, and therefore she should like to make him a compliment; but I will not state that to be correct. Miss Spinluff had dined at my house that day. Mr. Hewitt first gave me a cheque, which I received and brought to him, and he enclosed such part as he thought proper in this paper.

How much was the whole cheque for?—I cannot say exactly; I know it was under £. 200. but he wanted money for the young man.

Where did you receive the money?—That I cannot state, but I may call it to my mind by referring to some letters.

Do you know who was Mr. Hewitt's banker?—I cannot state at this moment.

Was it Mr. Page in Great Russell-street?—No, I never was at that banking-house.

Was it Stirling?—No, I think not; I had other transactions with Mr. Hewitt, not any

any business of this kind, but he placed great confidence in me to purchase things for Mr. Maw. *Mrs. Morrison.*

Did you expend any part of this money on Mr. Maw's account?—No, not any part of the money laid out for Miss Spinluff. I was going somewhere near the banker's, and Mr. Hewitt requested me to bring the money home; I believe the draft was made payable to Mr. Maw's own indorsement, who is now in the East Indies. Mr. Hewitt had the whole management of equipping him, till his father came to town.

Did you bring back the whole money you received to Mr. Hewitt?—I brought it back and gave it into Mr. Maw's hands, and he gave it to Mr. Hewitt of course.

Was the draft drawn by Mr. Maw?—It was indorsed by Mr. Maw before I took it to the banker's; it was Mr. Hewitt's money, and not Mr. Maw's.

Did you give it first to Mr. Maw?—Yes, to Mr. Thomas Maw, I think; or at least I gave him that part he was to have.

Do you know what part he was to have?—No, I cannot state that at this distance of time, but I know the money for Miss Spinluff was put into a sheet of paper; I think it was either £. 150. or £. 180. Mr. Hewitt is now in India, and so is Mr. Maw.

Did you ever hear what part of that he left out for Miss Spinluff?—No, he never said, but I think it was somewhere thereabouts; he said, you will give this as a compliment to Miss Spinluff, or you will lay it out. He said, in the first instance, I shall make Miss Spinluff a handsome compliment; I said, very well, Sir; he said, I will pass it through your hands; I said, as you please, Sir, or I will introduce you to Miss Spinluff; he said, no, I had rather not see her, but I will trouble you with it. I think there was about thirty or forty pounds spent on Mr. Maw's account out of the £. 200. cheque. I know there was a handsome compliment made. She said, when I first went to her, she should expect some remuneration; that it was a pity the Cadetcy should be lost; that she was much distressed for money, and should expect some remuneration; I said, that every thing that could be done with honour, would be done by the gentleman; that he was anxious to get this young gentleman out with his son.

Did she take out of that paper the money she gave to young Shee?—I was not present, but I should suppose she took it out of the paper, for I do not think she was possessed of sufficient without; but I was not acquainted with her finances. She made me a little compliment of a brooch, afterwards, which I suppose cost her half a guinea or fifteen shillings, for what little trouble I might have had.

At what time did you send a one pound note to Mr. Shee?—A long while after that; he sent over to me a note, saying that he was very much distressed, and should thank me if I would even lend him that.

Was that from old Shee?—Yes, he wanted it to pay some fee; I had that which I could spare, and I sent it to him.

Had you ever seen the elder Shee at the time you sent the one pound note?—Yes, I had, but I had never seen him in this transaction.

On what occasion did you first become acquainted with the elder Shee?—I cannot charge my memory what situation he offered to this young man; it was in a banking-house, or something of that kind.

In what transactions, relating to the Patronage of the East India Company, have you had any intercourse or correspondence with Mr. Shee?—There was a Captain Williams who had applied to Mr. Shee, and got a letter from him of introduction to some man of consequence, in fact, to introduce him to the India House for a Cadetcy to his son; it failed. Mr. Shee made use of my name, I refused to see him till he made use of the name of Mr. Day, who is gone to the West Indies; I did not see him at first, but when I did see him, I told him, from the name of Mr. Day, I would endeavour to see some Director, and gain some appointment for him; but that was to be done by way of exchange. Captain Williams had got one for the next season, if he could gain another; and he proposed that this appointment lying over, should go in exchange for the other. Our friend had a young man who was not of a proper age to go. I applied to our friend, who was Mr. Abercrombie, a relation of Sir Ralph Abercrombie; he had some interest with Mr. Fraser, a Director, and he wrote to Mr. Fraser on the subject.

Mrs. Merrison.

Was any thing done in consequence?—Yes, the appointment was got, but with a great deal of trouble on Captain Williams's part; and the appointment he was promised in lieu of that, is now given to his other son; for my friend was fearful of having any thing at all to do with it. This was the very first gentleman I applied to, and it was to be done on the same terms. Our friend is at this present moment in the King's Bench, on a most rascally transaction respecting an annuity, I may say, though that is very strong language; his situation was so interesting to us, as being our most particular friend, that we had endeavoured to get him the loan of some money; it was on this account that I sacrificed my feelings, by hearing from Mr. Shee about this Cadetcy. If it could have been obtained in the way Mr. Williams wished, he would have lent Mr. Abercrombie £.200. which would have saved his coming into the Rules for this annuity; but he did not succeed. He was obliged to get Mr. Frazer's card changed for another. I cannot state the whole of the particulars; but Captain Williams is in town.

Did Mr. Abercrombie receive any money on account of this transaction?—No, he did not; Captain Williams has since lent him some money, from a feeling of his situation.

To whom was that appointment given by Mr. Frazer?—It was given ultimately to Mr. Williams, but it was for Madras, and Captain Williams got it exchanged for an Infantry to Bengal, having some connexions at the India House; it was given to his son; and the appointment our friend was to have for his young Scotch friend, is now given to Captain Williams's other son.

Then Captain Williams has obtained two appointments?—Yes; this is the appointment he was promised at first, which he was to have given my friend in lieu of his; but there was something happened at the India House; Mr. Frazer's card was not exactly correct; I think it was Mr. Manship exchanged the card for a Bengal, and Mr. Williams felt obliged to my friend, and lent him some money; how much I cannot state, it is payable at his convenience.

Where does Captain Williams live?—He does not reside in London, nor can I give you his direction, but I shall see him to-morrow. Being a single man, and having no family in town, I did not ask him where he resided, but it is somewhere in the neighbourhood of Covent Garden; he dined with us yesterday.

Do you know what sum of money he lent Mr. Abercrombie?—I think one hundred or two hundred pounds, but I cannot state how much. I believe he made Shee a present; he had applied to this man before. I wrote to Shee the very day the negotiation at the India House failed, saying, that Captain Williams had been obliged to apply through other interest, and had got it through his own; and that was the day that I sent him the one pound note. He sent me word, that he was literally starving, and wanted this to pay some fee; and I think Captain Williams sent him a present of something, which he said he would give him out of charity.

Do you know Mr. Collidge?—I have seen him at our house with Mr. Howard; he used to come frequently, but I never saw him above twice after Howard left the house.

Had you any transaction with Mr. Shee, which passed through the hands of Mr. Collidge?—He might have brought some notes from Mr. Shee to me, respecting the first transaction of Mr. Hewitt's, but nothing further. I never had any transaction with Mr. Collidge, he was a mere letter-carrier; a man that went of errands or any thing of that kind.

Is he in the Stamp-office?—I do not know; he held some situation in Somerset-house, I have heard Howard say; but I had little or nothing to do with him; he brought me the notes from this man.

Was it only relative to this appointment of Mr. Maw that you saw Mr. Collidge?—I do not think I ever saw him any more; I do not recollect that I did; he mentioned a number of things to me, but nothing that ever concerned the India House; he used to offer a great many things, but I never paid any attention to them, nor had any thing to do with them.

Do you know Mr. Christie?—I do not; I know a gentleman of the name of Christie, but not as connected with any transaction of this kind; I never had any transaction implicating any East India Patronage, but this.

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Do you know a person of the name of Pratt, who was sent out to the East Indies? *Mrs. Morrison.*
—No, I know of no others but those which I have stated.

Do you know Mr. Hanford, who lives in Nelson's-square?—Yes, we are his tenants.

Had you ever any conversation with him relating to East India Patronage?—No, except since the business of the Duke of York's transpired, and he said that a gentleman had been round Nelson's-square, to inquire whether a person of the name of Morrison lived there, and he came to tell me. I felt conscious I should never be called upon, as I had had nothing more to do: he read the newspaper to me when I was called down one day, and we had some conversation respecting that business.

Did any conversation about appointments at the India House take place then?—I do not know; nothing of any consequence; I might state this transaction that I was engaged in, for I never made any secret of it.

You did not state any other transactions to him?—No, I could not, for I was never engaged in any other.

Did you not say, that you had lately procured a Cadetcy?—I might refer to this of Captain Williams's; that was last season.

Did you state it?—I will not state that I did or that I did not; I had nothing to conceal, and therefore probably might mention it; but I do not recollect that I did, nor do I think I did.

Did you ever say to him, that you had been employed by some ladies to dispose of some appointments?—The only lady I was employed by was Miss Spinluff; there are many ladies visit me. I recollect a question Mr. Hanford asked me, respecting a lady, a friend of mine; I said, No, you are mistaken, for I never had any thing of that kind to do with her; I have many transactions with her, but nothing of this kind, nor do I believe she had interest enough to procure it.

Was that a lady about the Court?—Miss Spinluff's connexions were about the Court.

Was the other lady about the Court?—No, she was not; she was a woman of some rank.

Are you sure you were never employed by that lady in transactions of that sort?—No; I will not say she never was employed in trying to serve a friend; she is a lady of rank, but I never had, either directly or indirectly, upon my honour, any transaction of that sort with her.

Did you ever obtain any employment through her means?—No, never; I have had many transactions, and have endeavoured to serve the young man with whom the young woman was acquainted, whom I introduced to Mr. Shee, and whom it was supposed she would marry, but without any idea of receiving any emolument. I found the young woman to be so worthless, that I was obliged to send her home to her friends; consequently, I gave up all idea of serving her.

Did you mention to Mr Hanford, that you had procured any Cadetcy through this lady?—Never; I could not; I should have told an untruth if I had.

Is your husband in the Ordnance?—Yes.

How long has he had any situation in the Ordnance?—Eighteen years.

Has he obtained any promotion lately?—His situation has been changed, but he receives no greater emolument than he did; but Mr. Morrison has very good interest; he is very highly connected; in consequence of that, his connections do for him what they chuse; but nothing in this way.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Oldfield?—No.

Did you ever see him?—Not to my knowledge.

Have you had any acquaintance with Mrs. Byng?—I have; that is the family of rank that I alluded to, but nothing of this kind; it was on the business of this young woman; Mr. Morrison met her in the street, and, knowing her brother, wished to do something for her; she kept company at that time with a young man who was in the Fakenham Bank, and I applied to Mrs. Byng to endeavour to get him into a banking-

Mrs. Morrison. banking-house in town, his salary being so small in the country; she applied to her own bankers, which were Messrs. Drummond, and they had no opening. Soon afterwards, I found out she was an improper character to be in my house; I sent her down to her friends, and there the business dropt.

Did not you mention to Mr. Hansard a lady of higher quality than Mrs. Byng?—No; seeing a lady with a coroneted carriage come to the door, he might form some ideas of that kind.

Did Miss Spinluff come in a coroneted carriage?—I do not know whether she did; she came in different friends carriages; but Mrs. Byng comes in different carriages; and I have several friends of my own who come in coroneted carriages. Mr. Abercrombie and Mr. Morrison were brought up together, and of course he wished to serve him if he could.

Can you recollect any thing further, relative to your transaction with Mr. Collidge?—No; I employed him as an act of charity, to go backwards and forwards on some law business; he had a great deal of leisure time, and he has gone of messages to different parts of the town for me, but nothing relative to this investigation.

Are you sure, upon recollection, there was no transaction between yourself and Mr. Shee, in which Collidge was concerned?—In Mr. Hewitt's, Collidge was continually coming with letters from Mr. Shee. I never knew Collidge but through Howard, and I never saw Mr. Shee till after the transaction with Mr. Howard; I then heard from him frequently, but I did not know him, and I did not know any circumstances respecting him, further than he was imprisoned for debt.

Where does Miss Spinluff live?—I cannot tell.

Her connexions are about the Court?—They were; but I am sorry to say Miss Spinluff is like a great many more females, she introduced herself to me in a character she had no title to, and I have had nothing more to do with her since.

To whom did the house belong in Weymouth-street?—Mrs. Dawson; but there was something of a cloud hanging about her, which Mr. Dawson did not chuse to submit to; he had some conversation with Miss Spinluff, in which he put some questions which she could not exactly answer as he wished, and he desired her not to come near the house till she could answer them.

Do you know whether there was any acquaintance between Mr. Thornton and Miss Spinluff?—I cannot say.

What age was she?—I suppose ten years older than myself; but there was something whispered about her that he did not exactly like, and Mr. Morrison requested to have a private interview with her for the purpose of asking her a few questions, which she could not answer, and there the acquaintance broke off. I do not know where she is at this present moment.

She got the Cadetship immediately from Mr. Robert Thornton?—Yes.

Through her own interest?—Yes, that I can assure you; for Mr. Morrison introduced the young man to Mr. Robert Thornton; I had the letter not long ago, which was to have introduced Mr. Maw to Mr. Thornton, and Mr. Morrison with it; young Maw being timid, he did not wish to go by himself; in consequence of this, Mr. Morrison went with him to the India House; he there introduced him to Mr. Thornton, and he took him by the hand, and passed him.

Did you ever see any of Miss Spinluff's female connexions, at the time you visited her?—No other than Mrs. Dawson, and, from the specious appearances, I certainly was imposed upon.

Where does Mrs. Dawson live?—She has lived in that neighbourhood some years; I knew her in Portland-place; she was married to a Mr. Ilbutier; he is dead; and she is now married to a Mr. Dawson, but I believe she is too extravagant.

Did you not think it a little singular, that Miss Spinluff should keep you three hours at Mrs. Dawson's?—I did; but Mrs. Dawson was with me, and she was a very chatty, pleasant woman.

Did she seem to know any thing of this transaction?—No; she dined with me a day or two after Mr. Maw passed at the India House. I do not think Mr. Maw's father

father knows any thing of this business; it was entirely a present of Mr. Hewitt to Mrs. Morrison.
Mr. Maw.

Mr. JEREMIAH DONOVAN.

How long have you been acquainted with Mrs. Grove?—I have known her many Mr. Donovan.
years.

When did she last lodge at your house?—She lodged at No. 23, Charles-street, about three years since.

Do you recollect any transaction which passed at that time between her and you, relating to a Writership?—I know of none that passed.

Was there any negotiation for a Writership at that time?—There was a negotiation.

State the circumstances.—I do not recollect the person's name; but, as far as I can recollect, it was a Mr. Nowell, but I am not certain, who wanted to procure a Writership for some young gentleman.

What did you do in consequence of this application?—I introduced Mrs. Grove; I believe it was to Sir Matthew Bloxam, and the money was deposited there some time; but the appointment was not procured, and the money was withdrawn.

Through whose means was this appointment to be obtained?—I do not know.

Did Mrs. Grove tell you she had such an appointment, or that she thought she could procure it?—No, she did not; if I recollect, Mrs. Grove wished to obtain the appointment.

For whom did she wish to obtain it?—I do not know the young gentleman's name; but I think the gentleman's name, whom she mentioned to me, was a Mr. Nowell.

Did she employ you to endeavour to procure such an appointment?—She did; she asked me whether I knew any person who would sell it, I told her I did not know any person; she asked me, as I was in the habit of seeing Sir Matthew Bloxam, whether I could obtain it through him; I told her I did not know, but I would ask him.

Did Sir Matthew Bloxam say he had any means of obtaining such an appointment?—No; I think he said he would make inquiry, but I do not know whether he did make any inquiry; the money was lodged in his house, but he never mentioned any name through whom he could procure it.

Who deposited the money?—I do not know whether Mrs. Grove or Mr. Nowell.

Did you understand that they lodged the money without any prospect of procuring it?—I understood that Sir Matthew Bloxam was to inquire among his friends, and to endeavour to procure the appointment; I believe the money was for a long time in his hands without being used at all.

Did you make any inquiries with regard to such an appointment?—No, I did not, for I had no person whom I knew likely to procure such an appointment.

Do you know a person of the name of Reding?—I have known a man of the name of Reding, who was an acquaintance of Mrs. Grove.

Do you know whether he undertook to obtain such an appointment?—I do not know; Mrs. Grove and Mr. Reding were so extremely intimate, that I do not know what might pass between them.

Were not you very intimate with Mrs. Grove?—No, I was not.

Would she have kept any transactions of this kind secret from you?—I had no transactions of the kind with Mrs. Grove, but that of Mr. O'Hara, who had been recommended to me by letter from Mrs. Grove; I do not know of any other transaction in which Mrs. Grove treated me with any ingenuousness whatever.

Did you never understand that Reding undertook to procure such an appointment, or said he had such a one in his disposal?—I never had any communication with Mr. Reding; in fact, I wished to avoid any intimacy or acquaintance with Mr. Reding.

Did you see Davis in the course of this transaction?—No, I did not.

Mr. Donovan.

Are you acquainted with Davis?—I never saw Mr. Davis above twice in my life.

Have you ever had any transactions relating to East-India appointments with him?—I never had any East-India appointments with Mr. Davis, nor indeed any Writer whom I have passed.

Any Cadetcy?—One Cadetcy, I believe, is the extent of my connection with East-India Patronage. I have had applications, one or two in a year perhaps, but I have not done any thing in that way.

Did Sir Matthew Bloxam give you reason to suppose he should be able to procure such an appointment?—I introduced Mrs. Grove to Sir Matthew Bloxam, and they negotiated the business between themselves.

Was it not in your presence they negotiated?—No, I was no further present than introducing Mrs. Grove, and telling her, I thought, at her particular request, Sir Matthew Bloxam might; but I never knew that he did; and I believe Sir Matthew Bloxam was anxious to get the money deposited at his house; and Mrs. Grove and Mr. Nowell became very impatient about the money lying there; the money remained there two or three months.

What part of that money did you understand to belong to Mrs. Grove?—I did not understand what part; she did not mention to me what part.

Are you sure that any part belonged to her?—I do not know, I believe some part of it was to have been her's.

Was it for a friend of her's this appointment was to be procured?—I really do not know.

Had you any conversation with Mr. Nowell upon the subject?—I had no conversation with Mr. Nowell till he wished to withdraw his money; he then called upon Sir Matthew Bloxam to withdraw his money; Sir Matthew made some excuse, and wished to retain it a few days, and Mr. Nowell suffered it to remain those few days, and requested I would call upon Sir Matthew Bloxam, and say that he should expect his money on that day; I did call upon Sir Matthew Bloxam, and I believe he got his money on that day.

Did Mr. Nowell say it was for a friend of his he wished to procure this appointment?—I did not ask him whom it was for.

Do you know what benefit Mrs. Grove was to derive from this appointment, if it took place?—I do not.

Did you ever converse with Mr. Reding upon this transaction?—Never; I did not know Mr. Reding at the time, and never had spoken to him.

Have you been concerned in any transactions with him since?—Mr. Reding has applied to me repeatedly since, but about nothing in the East India line.

Do you know Mr. Parry, a relation of one of the Directors?—I know a lieutenant in the Navy, of the name of Parry.

Is he a brother of the Director?—He is.

Where does he live?—I do not know, really; I have not seen him for a great number of years.

Do you know what ship he belongs to?—I really do not; I never transacted any business with him in my life.

Did he ever assist you in any of these transactions?—Never.

Did you ever converse with him upon subjects of this kind?—I have.

Did you ever solicit him to use his influence?—I asked him whether he had any influence, and he said he had not.

Was that all that passed between you and him upon the subject?—I believe it was.

Are you sure he never promised to exert his interest in procuring some one of these appointments?—Never in his life; on the contrary, he told me he had no interest, for that his brother, though he was a Director, would not use his interest to get him made a master and commander, though he had been so long a lieutenant.

Have

Have you a friend in the East India warehouses, with whom you have had some conversations upon this subject?—I have had no conversation with any person in the East India warehouses, upon procuring appointments of this kind; I know a Mr. Saunders in the East India warehouses.

Mr. Donovan.

What transactions have you had with Mr. Saunders?—None in the world; I am sure Mr. Saunders would not listen to any transactions of the kind.

Did Mr. Saunders never use any interest to procure some appointment on your recommendation?—Never.

Did you ever apply to him for that purpose?—It is very possible in the course of a number of years I might have done so, but I do not know that I ever did; I might have asked him questions relative to it, but not to procure me any appointment; he never did procure me any, certainly.

What transactions have you had with Mr. Shee, relating to East India Patronage? I never had any transactions with Mr. Shee.

With neither of them?—No; they may have proposed things to me, but I never had any thing to do with either of them.

Are you acquainted with Mrs. Morrison?—No, I never saw her.

What other transactions relating to East India Patronage have you been concerned in, which you have not already mentioned to the Committee?—I do not recollect any.

Do you know Mr. Brown, of the Stamp-office?—Yes; it has struck me that I gave the name of Vernon instead of Scott, in my former evidence, which I wrote a letter requesting to correct. I recollected subsequently to that also, that Mr. Brown was the person who introduced Mr. Scott; I introduced Mr. Scott to Mr. Kelly, and they negotiated that transaction; but it did not occur to me at that time, that I had any transaction with Mr. Brown. That was the only transaction I ever had with Mr. Brown.

Do you know Miss Spinluff?—No, I do not.

Do you know Mrs. Dawson?—No, I do not.

Do you keep memorandums of transactions of this sort?—No, I do not; in fact I supposed I had done with them.

Did you procure any East India appointments through Mrs. Clarke?—No, except in the unfortunate transaction respecting Captain Tonyn, where I received £. 25.; that was the only business I ever did with her, though Mrs. Clarke unfortunately seduced me in September last (not October) which has brought me into this scrape, to obtain things which I never obtained. Unfortunately, I have lost her letters.

Had you ever any transactions with Mrs. Clarke, relating to East India Patronage?—None at all.

Mr. JOHN ANNESLEY SHEE.

What other transactions relating to East India Patronage have you been concerned in, which you have not yet communicated to the Committee?—I have been concerned in so many, some of which have failed, that I do not recollect. *Mr. J. A. Shee.*

State the transactions which have succeeded, either as to Writers or Cadets.—I never succeeded as to a Writer, in my life.

Have you ever succeeded in Cadetships?—Yes.

State them, as far as you can recollect.—Mr. Stoughton's was one; Mr. Arthur Denny's another.

Was he the person sent out?—Yes.

In what year?—I think two or three years ago.

In 1807 or 1806?—I think it was 1806.

In whose nomination was that appointment; whose card did he have?—Upon my word I do not know, but I think it was Mr. Thellusson's; the card never was in my possession; I never had a card of any sort in my possession.

Mr. J. A. Shee.

Was that a Madras or Bengal Cadetship?—A Madras Infantry appointment.

What part had you in that transaction?—Mr. Stoughton's brother (Mr. Anthony Stoughton) was the gentleman I treated with; I think the money was 250 pounds or guineas; but I am not positive.

Was Mr. Stoughton's brother the person who sold or who bought the appointment?—Who bought it.

Of whom did he buy it?—I negotiated it.

For whom did you sell?—Mr. George, of Park-street Grosvenor-square.

What number?—Forty something; I cannot recollect precisely.

What is Mr. George?—I do not know what he is; his wife is a milliner.

Does she keep a shop?—No.

Did he inform you he had this appointment to dispose of?—No, Mr. Brown of the Stamp-office.

He is your brother-in-law?—Yes.

Did you advertise in the papers?—I cannot recollect whether I did at that time; I dare say I did; I believe it was in consequence of an advertisement.

Did you become acquainted with Mr. Anthony Stoughton in consequence of an advertisement?—Yes, I did.

Did you introduce Mr. Stoughton to Mr. George?—I believe I did; I believe I gave him a letter to Mr. George.

Was money deposited, and where?—Mr. Stoughton gave me his engagement to pay the money upon its being carried into effect.

Was any money deposited in your hands?—No, never; only an engagement.

For what sum was that engagement?—I think 250 pounds or guineas.

What part of that money did you pay to Mr. George?—That I am sure I do not recollect.

Did you pay it in bills or by draft?—I rather think in cash or by draft.

Cannot you recollect whether it was by draft?—No, I cannot.

Can you recollect what part you retained for your own use?—No, I cannot; but I think it was about seventy or eighty pounds.

Do you keep any memorandum of the money you receive?—I did not at that time.

Did you prior to that?—No.

Have you since?—Yes.

Was the gentleman nominated, a relation of Mr. Stoughton's?—His nephew.

Did you see the young man?—Yes, I did.

Do you believe it was to Mr. Thellusson he was presented?—I cannot take upon me to say that, as I did not procure the appointment.

State what other transactions, relating to Cadetries, you have had at different times, and with whom.—I once got a Cadetcy for Mr. Keating; I do not recollect his christian name.

In what year was that?—I am sure I do not remember whether it was three or four years ago.

Was it before or after Mr. Stoughton's?—I do not know; but it was Mr. John Henderson of the city got the appointment, and he in fact negotiated the whole of the business.

Where does Mr. Henderson live?—No. 21, Skinner-street Bishopsgate-street.

Is he an agent?—A ship-broker in the city.

Had he this appointment to sell?—He procured it; I do not know where he got it.

Whom

Whom did you introduce to him?—I believe a Mr. Keating, a relation of the boy's; *Mr. J. A. Shee.* I do not know whether he was not his uncle; but I had so little to do with the transaction, that I cannot recollect.

Do you know where Mr. Keating lived?—No, I believe in Ireland.

Where did you first meet with him?—In London; it was in consequence of an advertisement.

Did you advertise?—I think I did, or he advertised wanting one; I forget now which.

Did Mr. Henderson acquaint you that he had such an appointment to dispose of?—Most likely I asked him.

Was he in the habit of disposing of things of this sort?—I do not know; it was the first time I knew him in a transaction of this sort.

Was any money deposited on account of that transaction?—Mr. Henderson managed the whole of the money business.

Do you know what he received for that?—I believe £.250. or guineas, but I do not remember exactly.

Did he tell you he had received one of those sums?—I believe he did; he paid me my proportion; I cannot recollect what it was now; of course he would not have paid me, unless he had received the money.

Do you know from whom he received that money?—No, I do not indeed.

Do you know in whose nomination this appointment was?—No, I do not.

Did you never hear from him?—No, never.

What money did you receive?—I do not recollect, but I think it was about forty-four or forty-five pounds, so far as my memory serves me.

Did Mr. Henderson pay you that sum?—Yes, he did.

Do you recollect any thing further respecting the transaction of Mr. Keating?—No.

What is the next transaction that you recollect, in which you were concerned?—The next was a Cadetship, that I got for Mr. Henderson. Mr. Henderson wanted one.

For whom did he want it?—I forget the name. Mr. Henderson negotiated that business almost entirely himself. The gentleman who got the appointment was a Mr. Cusac or Cahusac, in Thornhaugh-street, Bedford-square; I think the number is 23. I do not recollect any of the circumstances, nor the time that was given. Mr. Cahusac must of course know the whole. I do not recollect the young man's name.

In what year was this?—About three or four years ago.

Was that before or after the other transactions?—I think since, but I am not positive.

Who was the person in whose nomination this was?—I never heard that.

What money did you receive?—That I do not know.

Did you ever hear Mr. Henderson say what money he paid?—Yes; I knew all the circumstances at the time.

Was this in consequence of an advertisement?—I believe it was.

Put in by you or Mr. Henderson?—By me, most likely.

What is the next transaction of the same kind you recollect?—There was one very recently, the other day; Mr. Barker.

Do you know Captain Holmes?—Yes, I know him by sight, and am acquainted with him.

Had he any share in this transaction?—No, I never had any connection with him in that way.

State what you know of this transaction.—It was in consequence of an advertisement.

Mr. J. A. Shee.

ment. A Mr. Joseph Hume applied to know if I could get a Cadetship, or I believe he saw an advertisement, stating, that a Cadetship could be got, and he applied to know the terms. The terms agreed upon were 200 guineas.

By whom was that money paid?—I believe it was paid by Mr. Hume; but it was not paid to me, but to Mr. Mee; I only introduced Mr. Hume to Mr. Mee, and they settled the business between them.

Where does Mr. Joseph Hume live?—In Percy-street.

What business does he carry on?—I understood he was a clerk in the East India Company's service.

Who was the young man appointed?—Mr. Barker.

What was his christian name?—I think it was George, but I am not certain.

Do you know in whose Patronage that was?—Mr. Thornton's.

What money did you receive?—£.60.

Did you pay over the remainder to Mr. Mee?—No, he paid it to me.

What is the next transaction you can recollect?—I once got an appointment for a Mr. Collet; I do not recollect his christian name.

Was the young man sent out?—Yes, he was.

About what time was this?—I think about three years ago.

In whose disposal was that; who empowered you to treat for it?—A Mrs. Walsh, or Welsh, in Lambs-conduit-street.

What was she?—She kept a cheesemonger's shop.

Does she live there now?—No, I do not know where she lives now.

Had she this appointment to dispose of?—Yes.

Did she employ you?—No; a man who was head-waiter at the White Hart Tavern, wrote to me by her desire; she employed him to negotiate it.

Did she employ you through this man?—Yes.

Whom did you find out to take this?—Mr. Kelly. I now recollect it was not through that connection I got Mr. Kelly's. I do not recollect the name of the gentleman who went out with that appointment; the Director was Mr. Manship.

To whom was the money paid?—In the case of Mrs. Welsh, the money was paid to me.

What sum was paid to you?—I do not recollect it exactly, but I suppose it was £.250.

By whom was that paid?—Somebody in the city; a broker in St. Swithins-lane, whose name I cannot recollect; it is almost at the top of St. Swithins-lane, only three or four doors down.

Should you recollect the name if you were to hear it?—I dare say I should.

Is he a shipping broker?—No, I think a cotton broker.

For whom did he pay you this money?—On account of the father of the young man, whose name I do not recollect; he was from Nottinghamshire.

Was the money paid to you by a draft or in cash?—I cannot recollect.

How do you know that the appointment was from Mr. Manship?—Because I saw Mr. Manship.

What passed between you and Mr. Manship?—I went to him; Mrs. Welsh said that Mr. Manship wished to see the young man with his friends, and his brother went, and I was in the room some time, and Mr. Manship gave him the appointment, and moreover said he had given the appointment to serve this poor woman, and that if any money passed he was not to know it.

Was any conversation, relating to money, began in his presence?—No, none.

What appeared to give rise to his making that observation?—I do not know.

Was

Was there nothing in the previous conversation alluding to money?—No, there Mr. J. A. Shee,
was not.

Did Mr. Manship know you?—No.

Is this all you recollect with regard to that transaction?—Yes.

How much had you from that transaction?—I am sure I do not recollect at this period.

You had something?—Yes.

Did you pay over what you did not retain to Mrs. Welsh?—Yes, or to the man who treated for her; I think it was to him; I cannot recollect his name; he was head waiter at the White Hart Tavern, in Holborn, for a long time.

Do you know whether he is there now?—I do not.

State the circumstances of Mr. Collet's appointment.—The young gentleman I sent out was named Collet; the gentleman who negotiated the business was a Mr. Chaplin, in Essex-street, nearly opposite St. Clement's church; he is an attorney.

To whom was the money paid?—The money was paid, I think, to Mr. Pasmore, an attorney, in Old Broad-street in the city, who procured the appointment.

Do you know through whose means he procured the appointment?—No, I do not. Mr. Pasmore now lives in Doughty-street.

Do you recollect any other circumstances relating to that transaction?—No, I do not.

What sum of money was paid?—I think £. 250.

How much did you receive?—£. 25. or £. 30. I think.

Who received the remainder?—Mr. Pasmore, I believe; it did not go through my hands at all.

Mr. Chaplin paid the money?—Yes, he did.

State the next transaction you recollect.—I do not recollect any more.

Many of these transactions appear to have passed in the same year; had you not transactions prior or subsequent?—No, it was only four years ago I began to do things of this sort, and the two intermediate years I was in Ireland.

Have you had any transactions of this kind in conjunction with Mr. Brown?—Yes, the one I have mentioned of Mr. Denny.

Has there been any other?—No, I do not recollect any other; there was one in agitation with Mr. James Kelly, but I never succeeded in the business; I understood it was done afterwards, through Scott.

Do you know Sir Nicholas Nugent?—I know him by sight.

Have you ever had any transactions with him?—Never in my life.

Do you know where he is now?—No, I do not; I have not spoke to him these four years.

Do you know Mrs. Morrison?—I know her by sight.

Had you ever any conversation with her relating to matters of this sort?—I do not think I ever had, relating to Cadetships.

Or Writerships?—No, I have seen her and spoken to her on other subjects, but not on this.

Have you had conversation with her relating to other appointments?—Yes, certainly.

Have you had any negotiations with her that ended successfully?—No, not one of any sort.

Did she undertake to procure any appointments for you?—Yes, she said she could procure several, but nothing ever succeeded.

Did she mention what means she had of procuring them?—No, I do not recollect that she did.

Mr. J. A. Shee.

Have you kept any memorandum that would enable you to give any further information on these transactions?—No, I have nothing beyond my memory.

Have you seen Mr. Manship at any other time?—Never in my life, either before or since.

Do you know Mr. Saunders?—I do know a Mr. Saunders.

Is he in the India House?—No.

Do you know Mr. Stackpoole, an attorney at Kennington-crofs?—No, I never heard of him.

Do you know Miss Spinluff or Mrs. Spinluff?—No.

Do you intrust Mrs. Campbell with the secrets of your profession?—No, certainly not.

Have you seen her since you were here last?—Yes, I have.

Had you any conversation with her on the subject of East-India Patronage?—No.

Has she ever kept any accounts or memorandums for you on this subject?—No; nor did she know any thing of my concerns, but in Mr. Stoughton's case.

Did you ever know a Mr. Baron or Courtney?—I have seen Mr. Courtney.

Had you ever any transaction with him?—Mr. Courtney has often said he could get a Writership, but I do not know whether he ever did.

You have enumerated six here; did they all go out?—Yes, they all did.

Do you know where Mr. Bryant lives?—I do not know him at all.

Do you know Captain Matthew?—I knew him seven or eight years ago.

Do you know where he lives?—No; I do not think any body knows that.

Do you know Captain Sealey?—No, I never heard of him.

Mr. JOHN GEORGE.

Mr. J. George.

How long have you been acquainted with Mr. John Shee?—I cannot say; I suppose a year and a half, or two years; I have known very little of the younger Shee.

Upon what occasion did you first see him?—By Mr. Brown, a very particular friend of mine, marrying a sister of his; I saw Mr. Shee, on visiting him; he had been with me when he first came from India; I lost sight of him for a time, and met with him again under the roof of the Shees, where he boarded and lodged.

Have you had any transaction with Mr. John Shee?—I think not exactly with him.

With whom had you any transaction relating to a Cadetcy, in the East India Company?—I think it was through Mr. Brown; I cannot exactly say whether it was through them both, but I think from Mr. Brown I received the information; and I think I have learned since that it came through Mr. Shee.

State the circumstances relating to that transaction?—I had a son that was in India already, as a Cadet, and I had a nephew also that wanted to go; I applied to Mr. Thelluson, who had been very kind to my family, for a situation for him; his mother was at that time exceedingly ill, and I had allowed her half-a-guinea a week for six or seven years; I waited on Mr. Thelluson, and he informed me the first appointment he had I should have; I provided for him various trunks and such things as he wanted; and when Mr. Thelluson had an appointment, the mother at that very instant died, and requested, on her dying bed, that he might not go out to India; I was mentioning the circumstance to Mr. Brown, and that my nephew was not to go in consequence of my sister's request, and that I was obliged to dispose of the things, and asked him whether he knew any young man that would take it; I sold the articles I had purchased for my nephew at sixty or seventy pounds loss; Mr. Brown came forward, and said he had a young man that would take the situation; of course I thought I had better return it again to Mr. Thelluson; however, he prevailed upon me, and Mr. Denny or Dennie, I think it was, went out with it; Mr. Brown, or Mr. Shee, said they would remunerate me if I gave over the appointment to them, and Mr. Denny was appointed instead of my nephew.

Did

Did you see Mr. Denny?—I am not sure whether I did or not; he was represented as a very eligible and a very elegant young man, and I believe a much better subject for the East India Company than my nephew was. *Mr. J. George.*

Did you introduce Mr. Denny to Mr. Thelluffon?—No; I think not.

By whom was he introduced to Mr. Thelluffon?—I do not think he was introduced at all, until he went to be passed at the India House.

With whom did he go to be passed at the India House?—Either Mr. Brown or Mr. Shee.

In what year was this?—I think it must be about two years or two years and a half ago.

Was it in the year 1808 or 1807?—I should think it was either 1806 or 1807; but the thing had totally slipped my memory.

Did Mr. Thelluffon make any inquiries of you, with regard to this young man?—No, he did not; I told Mr. Thelluffon it was for my nephew; I asked him for it for my nephew; therefore it was my fault, of course, having the name changed.

Did you mention the name of your nephew to Mr. Thelluffon on your first application to him?—I am not sure, but very probably I did not; I only asked him, as my son was there, for a card for my nephew to follow him; and I believe all Mr. Thelluffon said was, that I should have the first nomination he had. My nephew's name was Griffin.

Did you, at any time, mention to Mr. Thelluffon that you wished to change the name of the person to be nominated?—I am not clear; I think I either sent a note or mentioned the circumstance, but I am not clear; I have a faint idea of sending a note to Mr. Thelluffon, but that it was not answered.

Do you believe that Mr. Thelluffon thought the person he nominated was your nephew?—I do think he did.

Did he think so notwithstanding this note, which you faintly recollect having sent him?—I cannot say about that; but I think Mr. Thelluffon understood it was my nephew.

What money did you receive for this appointment?—I think it was more than £. 50, and under a hundred.

From whom did you receive the money?—I think it was from Mr. Brown.

Did you receive it in notes, or by a draft?—Upon my life I cannot take upon me to say; I received it I know.

Do you know in what month you received it?—No, I do not; the only thing that can ascertain that date is Mr. Denny's appointment.

Did you see Mr. Stoughton in this transaction?—Mr. Stoughton called on me.

What passed between you and Mr. Stoughton?—Nothing further than that his nephew was to have the appointment; I only saw him once, and that for a few minutes only.

Did he bring his nephew with him at that time?—I do not think he did; I think he called upon me, or wrote to me upon the subject.

Did you make any bargain with him?—No, not any.

By whom was the bargain made with him?—I think Mr. Brown.

Did Mr. Brown communicate to you what sum he was willing to give?—There was no sum of that kind mentioned; it was only as a remuneration to me for my loss in selling the things; he might mention a specific sum, but I do not think he did.

Do you know the whole sum that Mr. Stoughton paid?—No, I do not.

Do you know what sum Mr. Brown or Mr. Shee received?—No, I do not.

Are you sure you did not receive more than £. 100?—Yes, I am almost confident of it; I think my loss was about sixty or seventy pounds, and I have no idea that I received more.

Have

Mr. J. George. Have you seen Mr. Stoughton since?—Never.

Did you keep any memorandum of the sum you received?—I did not.

Did you ever see a written engagement from Mr. Stoughton to pay money on the appointment taking place?—No, I did not.

Did you receive this money from Mr. Brown or Mr. Shee?—I think it was through the hands of Mr. Brown, because the transaction with me was with Mr. Brown; I am not sure that I saw Mr. Shee upon the subject.

Did not Mr. Shee introduce Mr. Stoughton to you?—I think Mr. Brown did; or he introduced himself by a note, sent from a coffee-house or a hotel where he was in town.

Did you never hear that £. 250, or guineas, was paid for this appointment?—No, I did not.

Can you take upon you positively to say you never received more than £. 100 upon this account?—I think I could.

In the £. 100, you say you received, do you mean to exclude or include the sixty or seventy pounds you laid out upon your nephew?—I mean to say that the money I received was to remunerate me for the money I lost by disposing of the things.

Supposing you to have lost sixty or seventy pounds by the sale of the articles provided for your nephew, do you mean to say that all you received for the disposal of this Cadetcy was no more than thirty or forty pounds?—Certainly; I think it was from fifty to one hundred that I received in the whole.

What profession are you?—An appraiser.

Have you long known Mr. Thelluffon?—Yes, I have known him a good while.

Do you do business for him?—No, I never did any business for him; I have been known to Mr. Thelluffon's family these twenty years.

Did Mr. Thelluffon give you the appointment for your son?—No.

Who did?—Mr. Charles Grant.

Did you receive any other appointment for any son or relation?—No, I did not; my son is not in the Company's service now, he is in the King's service now.

Did you tell Mr. Brown, or Mr. Shee, that all you wanted to get was the amount of the loss you had sustained?—I think I did.

And you left to him to do what he pleased with it?—Yes, certainly.

Did you write the note to Mr. Thelluffon before or after the death of your sister?—It was afterwards, on her having expressed an unwillingness that he should go; he has since turned out wild, and is gone to sea; if the money passed through Mr. Brown's hands to Mr. Shee, there might be some part taken to him; I think Mr. Shee gave a cheque upon Mr. Drummond, the banker, to Mr. Brown, and that Mr. Brown received the draft and paid me the money.

The whole was paid to you out of the cheque, was it?—So I understood.

Was the whole of the cash for the cheque paid to you?—I cannot tell; for I did not see the cheque.

Did you ever make any inquiry as to the value of appointments of this sort?—I did not, and I should have given this up, if I had not been asked for a thing of this sort; I should have returned the thing, stating that my nephew was unworthy of his kindness.

Does Mrs. Thelluffon deal with Mrs. George as a milliner?—I believe she does, in some measure, most of the family do; Lady Fludyer and Lady Westmorland do; and I think things have been purchased for Mrs. Thelluffon.

She is not a constant customer?—No, I believe she is not.

Have you any memorandum at home, which can furnish you with any further information respecting this transaction?—No, I have not.

Mr. JOHN DAVISON.

Do you recollect the prosecution of the elder Shee?—Yes, I attended it; I looked this morning for the brief; but we have mislaid the papers, and I called at the solicitor's to find it, but could not, he was convicted at Clerkenwell in the year 1800 or 1801; I think 1800. *Mr. J. Davison.*

Upon what charge was he convicted?—He was convicted of receiving money under false pretences; Mr. Kinnard was a poor man, who represented his distress in a letter which he wrote to the India House, and attended to an advertisement of Mr. Shee's; he gave him, I think, £.50, and a promissory note to give another £.50; but I think he was above the age, and the Court held that it was obtaining money under false pretences, for he was above the age to be appointed a Cadet.

Was it upon that, that Shee was convicted?—It was for receiving money, under false pretences, the Company prosecuted him.

Was the prosecution carried on, in the name of Kinnard?—I really forget whether it was or not; our counsel, Mr. Rous, attended, and all our people attended; it was at the expence of the Company; I expect to have the brief to-day; he was first sentenced to the Cold-bath-fields prison, and he prayed to have that remitted, and to be sent to Newgate.

Do you recollect a person of the name of Wright who was an evidence, or who was intended to be an evidence in that cause?—I might know him if I saw him; he called two or three people as witnesses; I remember Wright, who kept the City-coffee-house, on another transaction of Mr. Roberts's; Mr. Roberts gave a Cadetship to Mr. Schneider, the furrier, and we found this was sold between Wright and Shee; that was another transaction; Wright promised to return the £.100 he had received to the Company, in that transaction.

Do you recollect having any conversation with Wright upon the occasion of Shee's trial, previous to the trial?—No; not previous to the trial; I think it was subsequent to that trial that Wright's concern was.

Had you any conversation with him previous to the trial of Shee?—No; I do not think we ever saw him, till we had him up upon the occasion of Mr. Roberts's Cadetcy.

Do you recollect whether any affidavit was made by Shee, as to the absence of a material witness?—I believe he did try to put it off, or something of that kind.

You can recollect who that material witness was?—I did not suppose it was any thing but to put off the trial; but Shee came himself, or sent his son to me, several times, and we had several conversations about his contending that Kinnard was out of the way; for we did keep him out of the way, that he might not return the money; by the advice of Mr. Henry Smith he was kept out of the way, so as not to come forward; Shee told me at the Court, I remember, before the trial came on, that he had sold fourteen Cadets in the preceding year, and two or three Writers.

Was Mr. Henry Smith your solicitor?—Yes.

Did he advise you to keep Kinnard out of the way?—I think he advised us to keep him out of the way, that Shee might not repay the money to him again.

What steps did you take to keep Kinnard out of the way?—No more than telling him he knew he had lost his money, and he was willing to do any thing we told him to do; I took him to Mr. Chetham's, and he told him how he was to act; I believe the other tried to give him back the money.

Did you keep him out of the way any further than to prevent his having access to Shee?—No other way.

Was he in the custody of any person during that time?—No; he was in a very obscure situation, living in Wapping; I think he came up, by sea, from Scotland.

Was any person put with him, that might have an eye to him, to prevent his going to Shee?—No.

What answer did you make to Shee, when he objected that Kinnard was purposely kept out of the way?—I do not recollect that I made any answer; of course it would not have been prudent in me, to have said much to him; I was desirous of obtaining

Mr. J. Davison. information, and the gentlemen who formed the East India Committee, Mr. David Scott and Mr. Grant, and the other gentlemen, were desirous of getting information; and, in point of fact, perhaps we prosecuted him more with a view to obtain that than any thing else; for I recollect, after he was convicted, I saw his attorney; I did not go to him in Newgate, but I saw his attorney, Willey, and intimated that a pardon would be obtained, if he would make a disclosure of transactions he had had of this sort; indeed I had a knowledge, at the time of the trial, of a transaction in which he had given to Mrs. Baynham, of Newgate-street, the money again.

Did Shee state that, if Kinnard had not been sent out of the way, Kinnard must have been the person prosecuted, and not himself?—No; I believe Mr. Shee stated, on his trial, that if he had not been sent out of the way, he would have paid him, but that he did to prevent the judgment of the Court; Kinnard could not have committed any offence at all.

Was not Kinnard the person who offered to buy?—He answered the advertisement, and offered to buy an appointment in the service of the East India Company, certainly.

Did Mr. Willey join in the affidavit with Shee, relating to the absence of a material witness?—I really do not know; I should think there must be some memorandum upon this brief, which can give more information than I can state at the distance of eight or nine years.

Are you sure you had no conversation with Wright, previous to this trial?—I do not think I had seen him; I remember a very tall man that he brought up as a witness, a tall elderly man, standing up and being examined, or waiting to be examined.

Has Wright a son, who was a Purser of an East India Ship?—I do not know; I do not recollect at all.

Was another witness kept out of the way, besides Kinnard?—No, certainly not; there was no other person kept out of the way; he was not a witness, there was no other witness.

He might be a witness, though he was prosecutor?—What I understood Shee complained of, was, not his being sent out of the way as a witness, but that he would have given him the money back again, and there could have been no ground of fraud, and that it was Mr. Smith's caution to prevent.

Had you any conversation with Shee at that time?—I think I was there twice, while he was standing at Hicks's-hall, and had some conversations with him about this appointment; for I mentioned the circumstance of Mrs. Baynham's, and I had heard of two or three others he had sold, and I was desirous of learning all the information I could at that time.

Was that conversation at all about evidences being kept out of the way?—Certainly not.

Is it possible you could ever have told him, that you gave one of the evidences money to keep out of the way?—No, neither was it so; we appointed Kinnard afterwards a Cadet to Saint Helena, but I do not recollect that any money was given to him.

Was that appointment promised him before the trial?—No; I recollect, after the trial, Mr. Henry Smith, seeing his poverty, said what could be done for him, and said no respectable Cadets would go to Saint Helena; and Mr. Smith recommended it to the Chairman, and he was sent there.

That appointment was subsequent to the trial?—Yes, Shee wrote me a letter after his trial from Newgate, stating that we had ruined him in his business.

Are you sure that you never told Shee that you had given money to the witnesses to go out of the way?—I am positive of it; there was nobody else but Kinnard called; as to Wright, I do not recollect ever seeing him.

Does Wright live at the City-coffee-house now?—I do not think he does; he promised to refund that money back again; he promised, in the presence of Mr. Abraham Robarts, who was extremely angry at the thing occurring, that he would refund the money; but he never gave me any note of hand or any thing else, or we should have arrested him upon it.

Do you know where Wright lives now?—No, I do not.

Have you any memorandum of the expences of that trial?—No, but I can get it *Mr. J. Davison* of Mr. Smith or Mr. Chetham; in consequence of seeing the name of Kinnard, in the statement sent up, I have endeavoured to refresh my memory, but I have left the Secretaries' Office some years.

Was it known to the Court and Jury, on the trial, that Kinnard had been sent out of the way?—I really do not know that; I suppose his counsel stated every thing that he could in his defence.

Did the Court of Directors know that Kinnard was kept out of the way?—These things are committed a good deal to the solicitor, he was to go the solicitor, and follow his directions.

In whose Patronage are the appointments to Saint Helena?—They are not divided among the Court, as the others, for they can hardly get any persons to go.

Do you know Davis and Walker?—No.

Did you see them about the time of the trial?—No; I saw a man whom I was sent after to Bath about another Cadetcy; I do not recollect Davis and Walker by name.

Had you any conversation with two men about the time of the trial?—No, except what passed with Shee in the place; I never went privately to him; Walker I know, who was in the India House; he spoke to me about the distress he was in, and brought me a letter from Newgate; he was a clerk in the India House, and left it upon some occasion.

What has become of him?—He buys things at the sales now; he is a holder of India stock; he does not deal in these kind of things.

Do you know where he lives?—He lives in Warwick-place, Bedford row; he brought me a letter from Shee when he was in Newgate.

You never heard that the sum of £. 30 was given to Kinnard to keep out of the way?—No, I am sure there was no sum given him; he was willing to follow the directions of the solicitor; he never got the money back from Shee; he applied to Chetham to get it for him, and I told him it was a hopeless case.

Did Kinnard know it was an indictable offence, his purchasing this appointment?—No.

If any money was given for such a purpose, would it appear in your account, Mr. Chetham's, or Mr. Henry Smith's?—In Mr. Henry Smith's bill.

Does his bill exist?—No doubt of it.

In what mode are Purfers appointed to East India ships?—The Purfer is appointed by the owners, and the ships are hired of the owners; the Company's are hired ships.

Were any of the Directors at that time ship owners?—They cannot, by their oath in the Act of 1793, the Act under which this Patronage comes.

[The indictment against Annesley M^c Kercher Shee being laid before the Committee, appeared to have been found in June sessions, and that the trial took place in September, when he was sentenced to twelve months imprisonment.]

Mr. HENRY FOSTER.

How long have you known Mr. Shee?—About three years.

Upon what occasion did you first become acquainted with him?—There was a young gentleman, that I was guardian to, had been in the Navy; in the short peace that happened he was sent home, dismissed the ship; I did not wish he should go among his friends in Ireland, and I made interest with Sir William Curtis, and had him appointed a Midshipman of the City of London East Indiaman; he took a voyage, and came home exceedingly ill, having burst a blood-vessel; he was afraid to go to sea again; during his continuance on the coast of Bengal he had a brother there, and wished to go to him; I came from Ireland, but found I had no particular interest by which I could procure a Cadetship; I was told there were offices at which

Mr. H. Foster.

Mr. H. Foster those things could be procured, and I called upon Mr. Shee, who had an office in the City, and he directed me to Sir Nicholas Nugent; I had some conversation with him, and he told me that there had been a compliment paid to a lady, a relation of his, and that her son could not go out, and that he thought, if this young gentleman was eligible, there could be no objection to substituting him for the son of this lady; I had a conference with one of the gentlemen at the India House, whom I believed to be a Director, and I mentioned the circumstance to this gentleman; that he was a fine young man, and had been a Midshipman, and had been educated in an academic way, that his name was Pratt; as I wished very much to send him out, I called upon Mr. Shee again, and, when I saw Sir Nicholas again, he represented this lady as in some distress, and that I was to give her £. 150, or to lend it to her; I think Mr. Shee got something for his trouble, he asked me for it in the coffee house; whether it was thirty or forty pounds, I cannot tell, but I think it could not exceed forty pounds; and I think the sum Sir Nicholas Nugent got was £. 150, that I gave a draft upon Mr. Stewart of Aldermanbury for.

To whom was it made payable?—Sir Nicholas Nugent, or the lady; I think I gave it to him.

Do you know the name of the lady?—No, I never asked it; the young gentleman was no relation of mine, but his father was an intimate friend, and had appointed me guardian.

Do you know in whose nomination the Cadetcy was?—Indeed, I have not the most distant recollection; I did know at the time.

In what year was this?—I think it is just three years ago, about April 1806.

What is the christian name of Mr. Pratt?—Benjamin.

Was it a Madras Cadetship?—He wished to go to Bengal, and he was appointed to Madras; I think there was some interest made to change it, on speaking to Mr. Alexander, now at the Cape of Good Hope; probably I should have done it without paying money, but he went to Madras I think, we had some conversation about it, and I left London, and left him in the hands of my friends here; but neither the young man, nor I, thought he was doing any thing, which made his situation there more dishonourable than if he had procured it in any other mode.

Did you pay any money to Mr. Shee?—I paid Mr. Shee some money in the coffee-house; what it was I do not recollect precisely; it was some bank notes; I know it could not exceed forty pounds; I only charged the young man, who had but a small fortune, with the sum I gave to Sir Nicholas Nugent, for which I took a promissory note, and which his brother has now; we always understood it was to be paid; it was on a regular stamp.

Did it not cost you, or the young gentleman, £. 220 altogether?—I think not; I could not have given Mr. Shee more than forty pounds; if I had given Mr. Shee more than that, I should have charged it to his eldest brother; it has always remained upon my mind, that it was only £. 150 that Sir Nicholas Nugent got the loan of.

Are you in possession of that note of Sir Nicholas Nugent?—Mr. Pratt, the eldest brother of the young gentleman has it.

Did you pay Mr. Shee by a draft?—By bank notes, I think; I have the recollection of giving him some bank notes.

Have you any account that would shew what you paid him?—No, indeed I have not; I kept no account; the rest is regularly charged to Mr. Pratt.

Had any other agent any money?—No, there was no other agent; I do not know whether I saw an advertisement of Mr. Shee's in Cornhill, or whether seeing his name as an East India agent, on brass on the door, attracted my attention; I never have seen him since, nor heard of him till, coming to Town, I happened to find that he lodged in the same house I live in; but I do not see him once a week.

Have you seen Sir Nicholas Nugent since this transaction?—No, I have not; I was not in England for two years after that.

Has any application been made to him for payment of this note?—No application has been made; for it was considered it was for two or three years, and I was not here; but his brother has, within this two months, mentioned to me that he thought it was time now to make application for it.

Do you know where to apply to Sir Nicholas Nugent?—I fancy he is in Town; I *Mr. H. Foster* heard a knock one day at the door of the house; I asked the servant whether it was any one to me; he said no, he believed it was a gentleman to Mr. Shee; I looked upon him to be a man solvent to that amount, when I negotiated it first; I did not know that I was to take the promissory note, but he said the lady and himself were both above taking any thing, and they offered it themselves voluntarily; I thought, at the time, I was to pay the whole sum; Sir Nicholas lodged, at that time, at the place where I understood he usually lodged; Mrs. Floris's, a perfumer, in Jermyn-street.

Mr. JAMES PASMORE.

Are you an attorney?—I am.

Mr. Pasmore.

Do you know Mr. John Shee?—I know him by sight; I am not intimate with him.

Have you ever had any transaction with him, relating to a Cadetcy?—Once.

What was that?—That was the sale of a Cadetcy, through his interference.

To whom was that sold?—I believe to Lord Temple.

Were you employed to buy it, or to sell it?—To sell it.

By whom were you employed?—By a Mr. Richard Cadman Etches.

From whom did he obtain that appointment?—It was Lord Castlereagh's card, obtained immediately from the Right honourable John Sullivan.

In what year was this?—I think it was in July 1805.

Was the money paid to you?—The money was paid to me by Mr. Chaplin, Lord Temple's agent.

Did he state to you, that it was paid on Lord Temple's account?—He mentioned, in conversation, that it was so, or I should not have known it.

Who was the gentleman sent out?—I do not know his name.

Did you never hear his name?—I saw his name inserted in the card, but I did not take any particular notice of it at the time.

By whom was the card signed?—Lord Castlereagh.

Should you recollect the name if you were to see it?—I think I should.

Do you think the name was Collett?—I think it was; it was from somewhere in the vicinity of Aylesbury.

Do you remember the christian name?—No, I had my summons only five minutes before it was necessary for me to attend; and, perhaps, if I had searched among my papers, I could not have discovered.

How did the gentleman who employed you obtain this appointment?—He stated that he had been employed, by Government, in some transactions as a remuneration for which Mr. Sullivan gave him this Cadetcy.

Do you know what the nature of his services were?—No; he was out in the Stone Expedition, I understood from him, but I do not know what his services were.

What was the sum of money you received?—£. 225.

Was that the whole sum that was paid?—I do not know; I believe not; Mr. Chaplin, I think, mentioned that Mr. Shee received something from him besides.

Was the money paid to you by draft?—I think it was paid by a draft upon a banker, but I can scarcely say; I feel no doubt it was paid by Mr. Chaplin's draft.

Did you pay any money to John Shee on this account?—No; he applied to me, but I would not give him any.

Do you know from whom he received any remuneration?—No, otherwise than what Mr. Chaplin stated to me; he stated to me that he gave him, I think, £. 25.

Are you concerned in other business for Mr. Etches?—I was, at that time, concerned in a long Chancery suit for him.

Mr. Pasmore.

Did he state to you for whom he had obtained the appointment, or whether he had obtained it for the purpose of selling it?—Mr. Etches stated, unquestionably, to me, that he had got the promise of an appointment for the purpose of selling it; but I do not infer from thence that Mr. Sullivan knew, at the time he gave him the appointment, that it was his purpose to sell it.

Did you infer, from any conversation with Mr. Etches, that he had stated to Mr. Sullivan that he wished to obtain this appointment for a son, or any near relation?—No, I did not.

Was your impression, that he believed he had received it for the purpose of disposing of it to his advantage?—It was so, on this account; the name was obtained, and he was passed to Mr. Sullivan; and, afterwards, this second person's name was obtained and the name was changed, or the order for the card was changed; and, therefore, I had an impression upon my mind that if it had been for his son, or his nephew, he could not have changed it into two different names.

What steps did you take for the sale of this appointment?—Mr. Etches sent me an advertisement, to address to some person or other under initials; and I did address a letter, and Mr. Shee waited upon me in consequence.

Did Mr. Shee introduce Mr. Chaplin to you?—Yes, he did.

Have you ever had any other transaction relating to East India Patronage?—Never; no other transaction of any sort.

Do you know where Etches now lives?—Not where he lives; but he calls at a gentleman's house in the City where, I think, an order addressed to him might be received; that is Mr. Richardson's, N° 8, East India Chambers.

You have said that the name on the card, Castlereagh's; how did you understand it could be Mr. Sullivan's Patronage if the card was given by Lord Castlereagh?—I had a letter in my possession from Mr. Sullivan, stating that if he would send him the name it should be forwarded.

Is that letter now destroyed?—I should think it is not destroyed; but I had not an opportunity of searching for any papers before I came here.

What is the connexion between Lord Temple and Mr. Collett?—I do not know, of my own knowledge, any thing between Lord Temple and Mr. Collett; I understood, from Mr. Chaplin, that Mr. Collett's father had interest in the borough of Aylesbury; Mr. Chaplin resided in Essex-street, when he was clerk to the Grand Junction Canal; but I believe he is not clerk to the Company now, and that he resides in Aylesbury; I have no doubt Mr. Sullivan was altogether unacquainted that this appointment was given for sale; at the same time, I could not think Mr. Sullivan could suppose it was for a son or a nephew, because of the change of name. Mr. Etches was, at that time, in the Fleet prison, and therefore he sent to me to attend upon Mr. Chaplin, instead of attending personally himself.

Did you receive any part of this money yourself?—I received the whole of it, but I paid it to different agents; some I retained, on account of business done for Mr. Etches to a very large amount; he owed me that sum on a warrant of attorney, on which I had to put an execution into his house; I was obliged to put an execution, professionally, into his mother's house; at the time of her death I withdrew it; and I retained part of this money on account of that warrant of attorney.

How much of this money had Mr. Etches?—He had the whole of it, to pay his debts or otherwise, he paid me as solicitor, for attendances upon Mr. Chaplin; but only those charges; no commission, or any thing of that kind.

Mr. S. Toone.

SWENEY TOONE, Esquire, made the following statement to the Committee.

I received this letter on Tuesday night.

[Mr. Toone delivered in the letter.]

Sir,

Feb^y 28th, 1809.

Some few years since (without knowing or suspecting that I was doing wrong) I was induced to be concerned in the appointment of a gentleman, as a Cadet, in the service of the Honourable East India Company; and which nomination was in your gift; and for which, I can prove, a considerable

considerable sum was given. I wish to observe to you that two or three other persons are partly in possession of the fact, but, perhaps, are not capable of proving; at the same time, I am apprehensive I shall be called upon by the House of Commons, to state facts. I now beg to apprize you that I am ready to act according to your wishes; but, if I continue in London, am very liable to be compelled to state what I know, and which, I conceive, must tend very much to your prejudice.

Mr. S. Toone.

A line, addressed to Mr. Jones, to be left at the bar of the Coach and Horses, Castle-street, Leicester-fields, will be called for.

Mr. Toone. I wrote the following answer.

Sir,

East India House, 1 March, 1809.

I received a letter by the twopenny post, last night, stating that a Cadetship, of my nomination, had been sold; and that you were apprehensive of being called before the House of Commons to state facts. It is my wish that you should, as soon as possible, attend the Committee of the House of Commons, now assembled for the purpose of investigating all abuses in the sale or disposal of East India Patronage; and that you will give all the information in your power respecting the Cadet nomination, for which, you say, you can prove that a sum of money has been given.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, your obedient,

S. Toone.

Mr. Toone. In consequence of this, I thought it my duty to bring the matter before this Committee; but when I stated it to the Chairman of the Directors, and others of the Directors, they thought, as it was an anonymous letter, it would not be strictly correct; I, therefore, sent a man to the house referred to, who brought the person down to the India House; his name is not Jones, but Phillips; and he appears to be acquainted with a number of circumstances connected with East India Patronage.

JOHN PHILLIPS was called in, and examined by the Committee, as follows;

Do you always go by the name of Phillips?—Yes.

Mr. J. Phillips.

Of what business are you?—A hatter.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Shee?—I know him.

How long have you known him?—Near ten years.

Is it the elder Mr. Shee, or Mr. John Shee?—The elder Mr. Shee.

Did you ever have any transactions with him, relating to the Patronage of the East India Company?—Yes, I have.

State what those transactions were.—In the year 1800, in consequence of a proposal made to me by a Mr. Lewis, I was introduced to Mr. Shee, who, I understood, was agent for obtaining appointments; Mr. Shee introduced me to a Mr. Wright, and Mr. Wright to another person, of the name of Davison or Sanderfon; I think it was Sanderfon; and Mr. Sanderfon gave me a letter to a Mr. Evans, and Mr. Evans gave me a card of nomination.

By whom was that card of nomination signed?—It was signed by Mr. Toone.

What was the name of the gentleman in that card of nomination?—Samuel Lewis.

Was Samuel Lewis a son of Mr. Lewis, whom you have mentioned before?—Yes, he was.

Who went to the India House with Mr. Samuel Lewis?—I do not know who went with Mr. Samuel Lewis; I met him at the India House.

Was that before he went into the room, or afterwards?—He did not go into the room.

Who went into the room with that card?—I did.

Mr. J. Phillips.

What passed when you were in the room with that card?—I was directed to go, I think, to Mr. Coggan's office, the Shipping Office.

What did you do there?—I left the card there; the card was filed there.

To whom did you give the card?—To one of the clerks in the office; I did not know his name.

Were any questions asked you?—Yes, there were some questions; but I cannot positively recollect what they were.

Did they ask what your name was?—Yes.

What did you say your name was?—I answered to the card, Samuel Lewis.

What other questions were asked you?—I cannot say, in particular, what questions were asked me; I was directed when to come again, when there would be a Board; and I went a second time, to the best of my recollection, to pass the Board.

Did you produce any certificate of your birth and age?—I think there was a certificate with the card.

Were there any questions asked you with reference to that?—My age was asked and I believe I told a person who asked me that I was just turned of twenty.

Did they ask you with regard to the hand writing?—No.

With whom did you go into the room?—I did not go into the room with any person; I met Mr. Evans, at the India House, and he shewed me into a little room, where I was desired to wait; and a messenger came and told me where I was to go to.

Were you introduced to Mr. Toone?—Yes, I was.

Did Mr. Toone ask you any questions?—No.

In what name were you introduced to Mr. Toone?—As Mr. Lewis.

Did Mr. Evans introduce you as Mr. Lewis, or did you say your name was Lewis?—Mr. Evans introduced me under that name.

On your second going to the India House what passed, and were any questions asked you?—No particular questions; I had a written paper given me, and I was introduced to the Board, and passed with a very few questions; I was asked, I believe, by the Committee, if I had read the paper, and if it was my wish to have an appointment to go out as a Cadet; and I answered that I did; and they told me I was appointed.

Did you sign any paper there?—Not that I recollect.

Who is Mr. Evans?—I do not know Mr. Evans; Mr. Toone knows Mr. Evans.

Had you any conversation with Mr. Evans upon this subject?—No, I had not.

Did Mr. Evans know that you were not Mr. Lewis?—No, I believe not.

Have you any reason to believe that he suspected you not to be the person whom you personated?—No, I have no apprehension that he suspected it at all.

Have you any reason to suspect that Mr. Toone imagined you not to be the person whom you personated?—No, not at all.

In what way could you suppose that it would operate to Mr. Toone's prejudice, if this fact should come out before the Committee?—I did not know that it might operate to his prejudice at all; at the same time I thought it was very probable he might wish it should not be mentioned.

Why did you state to him, that you conceived it might be disagreeable to him that his name should be mentioned as connected with this fact?—I can give no other reason.

For what purpose did you address a letter to Mr. Toone, stating this matter?—I wished to apprise him that such had been the case; and I thought that, very possibly, it might be of service to him.

Did you think it could be of any service to you to apprise Mr. Toone of this transaction?—I did not know that it would do me any harm to state it to him, and I thought it might prevent my having some trouble.

Did

Did you communicate this circumstance to any other person, except to Mr. Toone? *Mr. J. Phillips.*
—No, I did not.

By whom were you advised to personate Mr. Samuel Lewis?—Mr. Samuel Lewis requested me.

Did you see Mr. Lewis, the father, in this transaction?—I saw him at the time when the business was effected, not till just before; and he satisfied me for my trouble, according to what Mr. Lewis had agreed.

What did Mr. Lewis give you?—Twenty guineas.

Did you receive no more, for your part in this transaction, than twenty guineas?—No, I had nothing to do with Mr. Shee; nor never had.

What acquaintance had you with Mr. Samuel Lewis?—I met with him accidentally.

Where did you meet with him?—At a place where I sometimes dined.

How long before your passing at the India House was this?—A very little time; perhaps a fortnight.

Did you dine together at that place?—Yes I have dined with him at different places.

Were you in the habit of seeing him frequently, during that fortnight?—Frequently.

How soon, after he first became acquainted with you, did he make to you the proposal to personate him at the India House?—Very soon afterwards; I do not know whether it was the first or the second time I was in company with him, that he said he wished to go out to India, but that he could not pass the Board himself; but if he could find any young man who, would merely answer to his name, that there was no harm in it; and that if he could find any young man, who was about the age of twenty or twenty-two, he would make him a present of twenty guineas.

Do you believe this was in your first conversation with him?—I believe it was either the first or second; I cannot say which it was exactly.

Did he mention that he had proposed it to other people, who had declined doing it?—No; he said he had been looking for a person, but could not find any; and that Mr. Shee could not find any person.

Did you have any conversation with Mr. Shee, with regard to personating Mr. Samuel Lewis?—I was introduced to Mr. Shee by Mr. Lewis, and Mr. Shee was consulted whether he thought I was a proper person; and he said, he thought it was exactly the thing, and that there would not be a question put to me scarcely.

Were you introduced, by Mr. Shee, to Mr. Lewis's father?—No, by young Mr. Lewis himself.

In what year was this?—1800, I think.

Do you know what Shee received for his trouble in this transaction?—I believe three hundred guineas was the sum paid.

Do you know to whom he was to pay that over?—Mr. Wright, I believe, procured it for him.

Was the appointment given to Mr. Wright by Mr. Toone?—No; it was given to Mr. Evans by Mr. Toone.

Did you understand that Mr. Evans sold it to Mr. Wright?—No, Mr. Wright did not know Mr. Evans; Mr. Evans gave it to Mr. Anderson or Sanderfon; I think Sanderfon was the name.

Did Mr. Sanderfon sell it to Mr. Wright?—That I do not know, I had a letter from Mr. Wright; in fact Mr. Wright went with me to Mr. Sanderfon, and Mr. Sanderfon gave me a letter to Mr. Evans.

What was stated in that letter?—I do not know; I believe it merely represented me as Mr. Lewis.

Did Mr. Wright know that you were to personate Mr. Lewis?—Yes, Mr. Wright knew it.

Did Mr. Sanderfon know you were to personate Mr. Lewis?—I do not know that he did.

Mr. J. Phillips.

Have you ever, upon any other occasion, personated any other person?—No, I have not.

Have you had any other transactions with Mr. Shee?—No, I have not.

Have you any knowledge of any other transactions, relating to the sale or purchase of East India Patronage?—No, I have not.

What other persons, besides those whom you have mentioned, were privy to this transaction of your personating Mr. Samuel Lewis?—Shee's family knew it very well.

The elder Shee and John Shee?—The elder Shee and John Shee was backwards and forwards; in fact, I dined with Mr. Lewis at Mr. Shee's house, with the whole of his family; there were some daughters.

Was Brown there?—No; Mr. Wright knew it; I do not think Mr. Sanderfon knew it; I cannot be sure, either one way or other.

Did Mr. Evans know it?—Not that I know of.

Did Mr. Toone know it?—Not that I know of.

Have you any reason to suppose that he knew it?—No.

Or that he suspected it?—No.

Mr. Lewis's father knew it of course?—Yes, certainly.

Where does Mr. Lewis's father live?—He lives, or did live, near Rumsey, in Hampshire.

Do you know the name of the place?—No.

What is his christian name?—I think, John.

Did Mr. Lewis, the father, go with you into the room at the India House?—No.

Have you ever had any correspondence with Mr. Lewis's father, relating to this transaction?—No; I wrote to him for £.5, which young Lewis owed me when he went away; that was the only correspondence I had with him.

You have not written to him lately?—No.

Have you written any letter to Samuel Lewis since he went to India?—No, I have not.

Did you ever make any application to him for money, on this account?—No, I have not.

Did you not conceive you were guilty of a gross fraud in personating another person?—I did not, at the time.

Did you think it was a transaction perfectly innocent?—I cannot say I thought it was perfectly innocent; but I was in want of money at the time, and I was tempted to do what was not perfectly correct.

Did Mr. Lewis state to you on what account he wished another person to pass for him?—Because he could not pass himself.

Did he state for what reason he could not pass?—Because his appearance would not permit his passing.

Was he a swarthy looking man?—Yes, a Mulatto.

Did he inform you that, according to the laws of the East India Company, he could not be sent out?—Yes, he did.

Did you think it was a perfectly innocent transaction, to be concerned in sending out a person who was disqualified by law from going?—I did not know that there was any law against it; he told me that, according to the rules of the Company, he could not be sent out.

Where do you live now?—N° 4, Hollis-street, Clare-market.

How long have you lived there?—Three years.

Do you carry on trade there?—No.

Have

Mr. J. Phillips.

Have you a shop there?—No.

Who keeps the house?—A person of the name of Chalcraft.

What is he?—A law stationer.

Was your father living in the year 1800?—No, he was not.

Where did you live then?—I was in lodgings, in Saint-Albans-street.

Did you follow any business at that time?—I had just come out of business at that time.

What business?—The hatting business.

What could induce you, having kept this secret so long, to bring it forward just at this moment?—I thought it was very possible such things might happen again, and there was no harm in letting Colonel Toone know the particulars of what had happened.

That only occurred to you lately; how came you to think now that was wrong, which you did not so consider ten years ago?—I know a great many things now that I did not know then; I did not know that I was running the risk of getting myself into a very awkward situation by doing what I did do, or I should not have done it, certainly for so small a sum.

Why did you suppose you were likely to be called before the House of Commons?—I saw, by the papers, that Shee had been called here; and, as I had not kept it any secret, I thought it possible I might be called here.

Have you seen Shee lately?—I saw the elder Shee, some few days ago, in the street.

Did he say he should mention your name?—No.

Had you any conversation with him?—No.

Why did you not sign your own name to the letter?—Because I did not know that it was necessary for my name to be mentioned at all.

Why did you mention the name of Jones?—I thought it did not signify what name I stated; I stated to Colonel Toone what was the truth.

Have you ever gone, in any other transaction, by the name of Jones?—No, I have not.

Did you think Mr. Toone would dislike to have his name mentioned, as connected with this transaction?—I thought very possibly he might.

Did you think it might be worth his while that his name should remain concealed?—I conceived, that if he did not wish to have his name made public, he might desire to have it concealed.

Did you think that he might rather give a sum of money, than have his name mentioned?—That I left to his own option.

Did you write that letter with a view of receiving from him any sum of money?—No.

Had you no such expectation?—No.

What did you expect he would do in consequence of that letter?—I thought, in consequence of it, he would appoint some interview of course, and that then I might either come here or not, as he wished.

Did you think it likely that he would desire you not to come here?—I could not form an opinion on that.

Had you not formed an opinion, when you wrote that letter, that it would tend to prejudice him very much?—Tho' I wrote that, in the letter, I do not know that I might conceive it altogether in that light.

Why did you write it so in the letter?—I do not know; I had no other reason.

State fairly what your reason was for writing that letter to Mr. Toone?—I wrote him the letter to give him an opportunity of satisfying himself.

Did you not wish him to satisfy you also?—That I left to himself.

SWENEY TOONE, Esquire.

Mr. S. Toone.

Do you recollect giving a Cadetcy to Mr. Evans?—Perfectly well.

Do you recollect for whom he stated that he solicited it?—I confess I do not; he was one of my oldest friends; I lived in the same family with him in India; he was a very respectable man, a man that no mortal could suspect of doing an improper thing; and I firmly believe he had no more to do with this base transaction than myself.

Is Mr. Evans now living?—Yes; he is in a high situation in India; the Court of Directors have permitted him to go back again; he is with his father and his family there.

Did you ever hear what he had done with this appointment?—No, I never did; this was only a year after my coming into the Direction.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Sanderfon?—Not at all; I gave it to Mr. Evans, conceiving he would give it to a proper person; this man says, he was introduced to me by Mr. Evans, at the India House, but I have no recollection of that circumstance; I gave it to a man, whom I knew as a man of honour, and know nothing further.

Captain JOHN WILLIAMS.

Capt. Williams.

Are you acquainted with Mrs. Morrison?—I am.

Have you been acquainted, through her, with a Mr. Abercrombie?—Through a Mr. Day; Mr. Abercrombie was a gentleman whose interest, I believe, was made use of in procuring an appointment for a son of mine.

Was a Cadetcy procured for your son through Mr. Abercrombie's interest?—I cannot say it was procured through Mr. Abercrombie's interest; I understood Mr. Abercrombie had a promise of an appointment; but when I came to understand it was a Madras appointment, and it would not answer my purpose, I therefore used some interest of my own to get a Bengal appointment in the India House, for which the Madras appointment was relinquished.

Did you procure, through Mr. Abercrombie's means, a Madras appointment, which was exchanged for a Bengal appointment?—I did.

In whose Patronage was that nomination?—When I went to the East India House, I was given to understand it was a Bengal appointment. I was introduced to the secretary, who took the name down, and when he came to the word Madras, I said I understood it was Bengal; he said, no, we have not had a Bengal appointment these six weeks; through the death of a particular friend, I had lost a Bengal Cadetcy; Mr. Abington said, there was not such a thing to be had; after which, a gentleman I was not acquainted with, I believe Mr. Cotton, exchanged the appointment, and gave me a Bengal, on condition that he should have it returned the next season.

From whom was he to receive back this Bengal appointment?—I rather think the nomination was Mr. Manship's, but I cannot speak quite positively; I think Mr. Abercrombie had the appointment from Mr. Manship; if I mistake not, Mr. Manship was called out, and he immediately took the card out of his pocket, and said, here is Mr. Abington's writing, which is a Bengal; Mr. Abington said, I cannot help it, if the Directors will have duplicates of their appointments it is not my fault.

Was your son sent out in consequence of this appointment?—My son went out in consequence of the Bengal appointment I procured.

In what year?—In May, last year.

Was his name John Samuel Williams?—Yes.

Had Mr. Frazer any thing do with this?—Mr. Frazer was a friend of Mr. Morrison's, and was at the India House; he met Mr. Morrison and myself at the India House; I understood that Mr. Abercrombie got the appointment through the interest of Mr. Frazer.

Did Mr. Abercrombie receive any compliment from you upon this transaction?—I will be very explicit there; it was mentioned to me, on my mentioning the distress I was in for an appointment, that Mr. Abercrombie was at that time in very distressed circumstances, that if I could assist him with a loan, perhaps it would be the means of helping him; I said, I would not object to this to a certain amount; it was said, very well

well then, it will be received as a loan, to be repaid whenever Mr. Abercrombie finds it convenient; I said, certainly I should not object to that, that such a sum was at Mr. Abercrombie's service, as long as he wished for it. *Capt. Williams,*

What sum did you accommodate him with in consequence?—I believe it was £. 130; but I must beg to observe there was no deposit; it was after the appointment was over I made this loan to him.

How long, subsequent to this appointment, did you make the loan?—I should imagine a week, or ten days; it was some days after, I know; perhaps it was five days; I know it was some days after, because I did not go into the City again, and I had not an opportunity of calling, and making any loan.

By whom was the sum stated to you that he would wish to borrow?—By Mrs. Morrison.

Did she not mention the sum of £. 200 to you?—Never.

Did you pay to any other person, or lend to any other person, money on account of this transaction?—It is very true that I did apply before that (I am sorry to say it) to an advertiser, who disappointed me; he deceived me in every thing; and when I had done with him, as I thought the man had had some trouble, I gave him a ten pound note as a gift, not through any agreement; he had deceived me by pretending influence which he had not; and he sent me to the East India House, to obtain an appointment, as he stated, through the recommendation of a member of the Royal Family; I found he deceived and trifled with me; but, in consequence of the letters he sent me, I sent him a ten pound note.

Was that Mr. Shee?—Yes.

Which Mr. Shee?—The elder Shee.

Was the whole sum you lent, or gave, on account of this appointment, £. 130?—The whole Mr. Abercrombie received from me was £. 130.

Did Mrs. Morrison receive any thing?—When I gave this £. 130, I am free to acknowledge that I dropped £. 20 in the room, when I met her; but I am satisfied that Mr. Morrison was as ignorant that such a transaction took place as any gentleman in this room; I am persuaded Mr. Morrison never lent himself to any thing that would be unbecoming of him as a gentleman.

Was that £. 150 the whole sum paid or lent by you on that account?—Every shilling.

Have you received from Mr. Abercrombie a promissory note?—I did not receive any; I left it to himself.

Has he never sent you any note or acknowledgment?—Never.

Is there any written memorandum?—Not the least; none whatever.

Do you expect ever to be repaid that money?—I shall be very candid here; I have never given it even a turn in my mind; I had been disappointed in an appointment for my son; I felt very anxious that he should be provided for; I had tried all my interest; I thought I might obtain it another year; but I thought it of much more consequence to get him out.

Did you see Mr. Abercrombie yourself?—Never.

Did this transaction between yourself and Mr. Abercrombie pass through Mrs. Morrison?—Yes; Mr. Morrison introduced me to Mr. Frazer at the India House, but not a word respecting money ever passed between myself and Mr. Morrison; he mentioned the distress of this man, and when I spoke of the transaction to him, he said he wished to know nothing about the affair; Mr. Morrison might have indifferently mentioned about the distresses of Mr. Abercrombie, and how much he was involved, but no particulars ever passed between myself and Mr. Morrison.

Was the card signed by Mr. Frazer?—There was no card given on this occasion; I met Mr. Frazer at the India House, he was not a Director.

Was the card signed by Mr. Manhip?—He was to give the appointment, and he took a card out of his pocket, signed by Mr. Abington; Mr. Abington said, you have filled up that appointment before, and Mr. Cotton exchanged it. After Mr. Manship

Capt. Williams. was called out, there was something about Mr. Astell, and they sent to his house, and the answer sent was, that he was at the House of Commons; whether the nomination was Mr. Astell's or Mr. Manship's I cannot tell, the card was signed by Mr. Cotton; I know there was an exchange made through the influence I was obliged to make in the House.

Have you another son in India?—I have another son, lately appointed.

Through what means was that?—That was an appointment from Mr. Bebb; Mr. Bebb gave me an appointment for my son, he has promised it me this twelvemonth past; he wrote me a letter, saying that he had an appointment for the East India Engineers, and I came up to Town; but in consequence of my son's not approving that appointment, Mr. Huddleston has given me another, taking mine in exchange; that is matter of exchange; I gave two drafts upon Coutts for a hundred pounds, and thirty pounds for the money advanced to Mr. Abercrombie.

Was the sum dropped in the room, also a draft upon Coutts?—Yes, it was; they were all payable to bearer, I think I put Mr. Morrison, or bearer.

Mr. JOHN COLLEDGE.

Mr. Colledge.

What are you?—I belong to the Stamp-office.

In what department?—In the Dry Stamp-office.

Are you acquainted with Mr. John Shee?—No, I am not.

Do you know the elder Shee?—Yes, I do; but I have not seen him for some time.

How long have you been acquainted with him?—I cannot say; I fancy it may be as much as five or six years, from my first knowing him.

Have you ever had any transaction with Mr. Shee, relating to the disposal of East India Patronage, any Cadetship?—I never disposed of any, nor had any connection with the disposal of any one whatever, nor any thing else belonging to the East India Company.

Had you ever any concern with him in buying one?—I never bought nor sold one.

Do you know Mrs. Morrison?—Yes, I do.

How long have you known her?—I believe I have known her about three years.

Do you recollect upon what occasion you first became acquainted with her?—In the first instance, from a Mr. Howard, who lodged there.

Do you know any thing of Mr. Howard obtaining or soliciting any appointment to the East-Indies?—No, I do not; it is a mere chance that I know him.

Had you ever any conversation with Mrs. Morrison about any appointment to the East Indies?—She has frequently offered me such a thing, if I had any friend who wanted it; but I never did any business with her upon the subject.

Has she often offered you such appointments?—She has offered them; I cannot exactly charge my memory how often, but she has said something of that sort, perhaps four or five times, since I first knew her.

Do you know what induced her to make this offer to you?—I am a total stranger to her reason.

Why did she suppose you a person likely to assist her in the disposal of such appointments?—I cannot say why she should think so.

Did she ever give you any reason why she applied to you in particular?—No, never.

Did you refer her to Mr. Shee?—No, I did not refer her to Mr. Shee.

Do you know any thing of the transaction of an appointment of a friend of Mr. Hewitt's to be a Cadet?—I remember the name of Hewitt, a gentleman of that name.

Where have you seen him?—I saw him at the York Hotel in Bridge-street, just by Fleet-market.

Did you ever see him with Mrs. Morrison?—Never, to my recollection.

Did you visit sometimes to Mrs. Morrison's house?—I have frequently called there.

Did

Did you ever see Mr. Hewitt there?—Never.

Mr. Colledge.

Do you know any thing of his obtaining a Cadetship through Mrs. Morrison's means?—No, I do not.

At what time did Mrs. Morrison make you an offer of a Cadetship?—I cannot immediately charge my memory with it; she said, one day when I was there with Mr. Howard, that if any friend of mine wanted any thing of this kind, she sometimes had it in her power to procure it through a friend; I told her if I should have any application of that kind, I would let her know: persons were frequently asking for situations under Government, but I never paid any attention to the business.

Did she mention through what friend she obtained these appointments?—No, she never mentioned that to me.

What was the last time she made you such an offer?—I do not know that she has said a thing of that kind lately, for I have not seen her these nine or ten months; I think it must be nearly a twelvemonth ago, if not more.

Recollect, as nearly as you can, when the last conversation upon this subject passed between you and Mrs. Morrison?—Indeed I cannot, for I paid very little attention to it; I have not seen any thing of her for a long time. At that time she lived in Charlotte-street, facing Mr. Hill's Chapel.

Did you ever visit her since she lived where she lives now, in Temple-place Blackfriars road?—No, I did not know where she lived; I understood she went into Nelson's-square, and then left it.

Do you know Mr. Christie?—No, I do not know a gentleman of that name at all.

Do you know Mr. Maw?—No, I do not.

Had you ever any transaction with Mr. Page of Great Russell-street?—No.

Are you sure you never had any transaction with Mr. Shee and Mrs. Morrison, relating to any East India appointment?—The only transaction, if I may call it a transaction, was this; Mrs. Morrison wished for an appointment for some person, I do not know who it was; I happened by chance to meet Shee, and he told me he could procure it; I told Mrs. Morrison, and she saw Shee's son on the subject. What arrangements they made I really do not know; I never had any concern with them.

Did you introduce Shee to Mrs. Morrison?—No; she went to him herself, I believe; I did not go with her.

Did you receive any money, or any compliment, on account of that transaction?—No, I did not.

Are you positive of that?—She told me she would give me something for the trouble I had had; but I never received any, certainly; she said, what she had for it was not equal to what she expected to get, and consequently I never received any thing; and I have never had any thing to do with her since.

Did she say what she received for that?—No; I believe I might ask her, but she never told me.

Did you drop your acquaintance on that account?—I never had any thing to do with her upon any business after that.

Was it upon that account you dropped your acquaintance with her?—Not entirely on that account; but I never have had any business with her since that.

Had you any transactions with Mr. Howard, relating to the disposal or purchase of East India Patronage?—Not any whatever.

Did you bring notes from Mr. Shee to Mrs. Morrison?—Never in my life, to my knowledge.

Or from Mrs. Morrison to Mr. Shee?—I do not recollect that I ever carried a note between either of them.

Did you ever complain to Mr. Shee, of Mrs. Morrison not having satisfied you for the trouble you had in that transaction?—No, I never did, to my knowledge; I never said a word to Mr. Shee upon the subject, that I recollect.

Mr. Colledge.

Are you sure you received nothing whatever from Mrs. Morrison, on account of this transaction?—I never received any money whatever from Mrs. Morrison; she was to have given me a sum of money, and she turned it over, as she said, to Mr. Robins, but he never paid me; he was to have paid it me, but there was a difference between her and him, and Mr. Robins never settled the account. She told me I should have ten pounds, and then it came down to £. 7. 10s. but I never had that. All that I had was, one day she said, "Here is a pair of new boots; the young gentleman is dead; they will fit you." I said, "What shall I give you for them;" she said, "Thirty shillings." I said, "Then I will set them off against the money you are to pay me." That is all I ever had from her.

Had you any account with Mr. Robins?—Yes, I had an account with him.

Of what kind was that account?—Different things.

Have you been concerned with him in the disposal of any Patronage?—I never had any place at all from him; he offered me several, but I never did any thing with any one of them; the only one which I ever had any thing to do with, was that you have mentioned, and it was a mere chance I had any thing to do with that. I forgot this circumstance of the boots entirely, when you asked me whether I ever received any thing. I never had any money; it was owing to a difference between Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Robins, I never could get Mr. Robins to account.

Did you accept a draft upon Mr. Robins, as a consideration for this service you had performed?—No.

Mr. Robins must have owed money to Mrs. Morrison?—I suppose so; but I do not know any thing of that; I received no draft.

Did she give you only a verbal message to Mr. Robins?—She only told me that I might apply to Mr. Robins, and he might pay me, and place it to her account.

Did she not give you that in writing?—I will not say that she did not, but I do not recollect her having done it.

Did you accept that sort of loose desire, that you would call upon Mr. Robins, as a liquidation of your claim upon her?—I did accept it absolutely in that sort of way, for I thought so little of the business, that I did not give any attention to it; I did not expect I should get any thing, though she had offered it me.

Had you any conversation with Mr. Shee upon this transaction afterwards?—Never; I had no conversation with him on the subject; he was then in Cock-court, Ludgate-hill.

Are you sure you never complained to him, of not having been sufficiently recompensed by Mrs. Morrison?—I cannot tell whether I did or not; I remember that I met Mrs. Morrison in the street, and she told me Mr. Shee had treated her very ill; and I went to Shee, and found him somewhere in the Old Bailey, and told him of it, for I understood that he had made a claim of more money than she had given him; I might tell him she had given me nothing for my trouble, but I do not recollect having done so.

Did Mrs. Morrison appear to have any previous acquaintance with Shee before you introduced him to her?—I do not know that she had. I did not introduce him, for I never went to his house with her. I went from him to her several times upon the subject; I recollect she asked me to call; the son was there upon the business.

Did you not introduce old Shee to Mrs. Morrison?—No, I did not, for he could not go there; he was in prison.

Did you not introduce Mrs. Morrison to old Shee?—No.

Did you never see them together?—I have no recollection of having seen them together.

Was it by a letter from you they became acquainted?—No; Mr. Shee one day told me he could procure such a thing, and Mrs. Morrison had been asking for such a thing, and I went and told her of it, and I believe I was the messenger between the two, two or three times; but I do not recollect any thing of that sort.

You were several times the messenger between them upon this transaction?—I was.

Why

Why did you say, ten minutes ago, that you were never employed in carrying messages respecting this transaction?—I have no recollection of having said so; I do not recollect carrying any note. *Mr. Colledge.*

Is that the distinction you mean, because you never carried a note or letter?—I went backwards and forwards several times, but I carried no note or letter.

What transactions have you had with Robins, relating to the disposal of any Patronage?—I never disposed of any.

What transactions had you with him relating to the disposal of any Patronage, whether it took place or not?—In the East India Company, never one; to the best of my recollection, never any thing of the kind.

Were you indebted to Robins in any sum, at the time you made application to him on account of Mrs. Morrison?—No, I never recollect to have been in debt to Mr. Robins.

Had you not an account with Mr. Robins?—Yes.

Of what kind was that?—On different transactions.

What sort of business?—The nature of any thing I had to do with him was as to a place that he had from Mrs. Morrison.

What place was that?—Secretary to the Master of the Rolls.

Did he obtain it from Mrs. Morrison?—He did; she offered it to me; he was recommended to me as a proper person, and I recommended him to her.

Did you recommend him to her for that place?—Yes, I did; he was a young man whom I had known several years.

What money did he give to Mrs. Morrison for that?—I never saw him pay a guinea; I heard there was money paid; Mrs. Morrison, I understood, received money of him at two different times; but I understood he never paid the whole that he was to pay.

What was the whole he was to pay?—Five hundred and fifty guineas.

What did he pay to you?—Never a shilling.

What was he to pay you?—I left it totally to his own honour, and he never settled any account.

Did he never make any advance to you upon that account?—Never upon that account at all.

What advance did he make to you?—Never any. One day I went to him, and said, Mr. Robins, I will thank you if you will lend me ten pounds, and whenever you settle the business, I will return it you; but it never was settled from that day to this.

Was there any written engagement upon his part to pay you a sum of money?—No, never; it was left to his own generosity and honour.

When did you see Robins last?—The last time I saw him was standing sheltering himself out of a shower, at the Panorama in the Strand.

How long ago?—Three weeks or a month ago, I believe.

Where does he live?—I really do not know where he lives, and I cannot find out where he lives.

“ Sir,

“ Rolls House, 20th March, 1809.”

“ I have accidentally heard that it has been given in evidence before the Committee of Inquiry into Abuses in the Patronage of the East India Company, that Mr. Robins, late second Secretary at the Rolls, had paid a sum of money to a Mrs. Morrison, for procuring him that appointment. If such a statement, though irrelevant to the object of your inquiries, should go out into the world without any explanation, it might make an impression extremely prejudicial to my character. I trust, therefore, that the Committee will receive and enter on their Minutes my declaration, that I am entirely unacquainted with Mrs. Morrison; that I appointed Mr. Robins solely in compliance with the solicitation of Wm. Abercromby, Esq. a gentleman of

“ very

“ very respectable family and connections in Banffshire, with whom I have
 “ been long acquainted; and that I had no knowledge or suspicion that
 “ Mr. Robins had given money to any person whatever, in order to procure
 “ his appointment. It may not be improper to add, that in consequence of
 “ some information which I received concerning Mr. Robins, I dismissed him
 “ from his office in the month of August last; and that I refused to comply
 “ with an application made to me by Mr. Abercromby, in favour of another
 “ person to succeed to the vacancy.

“ I have the honour to be,

“ Sir,

“ Your most obedient and most humble Servant,

“ *W. Grant.*”

“ Henry Banks, Esq. Chairman
 “ of the Committee appointed
 “ to enquire into the existence
 “ of any Abuses in the Patron-
 “ age of the East India Com-
 “ pany.”

Mr. JOHN DAVISON.

Mr. Davison.

Have you brought with you any papers relating to the prosecution of Shee?—
 Yes, here is in the first place, the Solicitor's bill, which contains only the common
 charges; I have referred to the Secretary's disbursements, there is ten pounds paid
 to Mr. Kinnard, to defray his expences to Scotland and back; we sent him back to
 Scotland, having no means of maintaining himself in London, from Session to Session,
 and then there was twelve guineas and then ten guineas paid him; but there was no
 witness kept back; and he had afterwards, on a memorial, stating his circumstances,
 an appointment given him of youngest Ensign on the Saint Helena establishment, and
 100 guineas allowed him to purchase regimentals, &c. The promissory note was to
 procure him a Cadetship for that season; the season lasts till July. We did not
 know what to do with the man; he had no money to support him, and we sent him
 back in a ship to Scotland, and this ten guineas was to pay his passage back to
 Scotland.

Would it not have been cheaper to have kept him here?—The reason, I suppose, was
 to prevent Mr. Shee tampering with him, and paying the money back; we preferred
 the indictment in the July Sessions, and he was tried in September; so that twice he
 went backward and forwards.

What recommended him afterwards so much to the Company's notice, as to be at
 the expence of clothing him and paying him?—It is very difficult to get any persons to
 take these appointments to Saint Helena; no gentleman would go out to Saint Helena.

Was Mr. Kinnard sent into Scotland to prevent his coming in the way of Shee?—
 I must say he was; we supposed the money would have been paid back, which would
 have prevented the action being brought.

Money was given to him to go to Scotland, to keep him out of the way?—The
 sums are only ten pounds, and twelve guineas, and ten guineas, which were merely
 his expences in going backwards and forwards.

Was the object of sending him to Scotland, to keep him out of the way of the elder
 Shee?—Yes, we should not have known what to have done with him in London, for
 he was starving there; it was Mr. Smith and Mr. Rous's opinion, that he should be
 sent out of the way.

Did you tell Kinnard he was to go to Scotland?—I dare say I might.

What reason did you give him for his going to Scotland?—I do not know that; I
 might give him a reason, I cannot recollect what I did say to him; but the impres-
 sion upon Mr. Smith's mind was, that it would be better to keep him out of the way
 from Shee. I do not think I did tell him. He was a man of a very plain mind; he
 was willing to do what we told him.

He was a Scotchman, and his friends were in Scotland?—Yes.

If the Company could support him in Scotland, *a fortiori* they could support him in London?—Certainly; but that was done clearly with that view.

Mr. Davison.

You only acted under the directions of Mr. Smith?—Certainly.

Mr. THOMAS CUSAC.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Henderson?—I have seen a man of that name, and have spoken to a man of that name.

Mr. Cusac.

Had you any transaction with Mr. Henderson, relating to a Cadetship?—I had a Cadetship, which I disposed of, which I believe Mr. Henderson had some connection with; what connection he had, I cannot define; and after that, he took an opportunity of saluting me in the street, and speaking to me.

Did you sell that appointment to Mr. Henderson?—No, I did not sell it to him, as I conceive. But I will explain the circumstances: having a Cadetship, which I had first with a view to give to a nephew of mine, I found that that view was frustrated; there was an advertisement in the newspaper for one, to which I replied, this introduced me to a Mr. Shee; I told him, no doubt you are a gentleman of respectability, but knowing nothing of you, except in this way, I do not think it would be common prudence for me to do it, till I know with whom I am transacting; he then told me, O, certainly, it was all very fair. He gave me a reference to a Mr. or Messrs. Barber, of Cowpers-court, Cornhill, who, he told me, were very respectable stock-brokers, and that they would answer for the description that he gave me of the gentleman being perfectly fit for the situation. I went to these gentlemen, but I did not think that the declaration of any description of people was sufficient, for they might be newly opened; so I took care to make inquiry of persons who know all these things in the city, and they told me Mr. Barber was a highly respectable man in his way, in every thing that constitutes a respectable man, and had been in business there, old Mr. Barber, twenty or thirty years, and that during that time, he had supported an uniform credit. On that I went to these gentlemen; they told me they would answer for it, that every thing was respectable and proper, and that the gentleman would perfectly answer the description that was given; young Mr. Barber also said, Sir, you will give us leave to go for the gentleman (and this gentleman I do think was Mr. Henderson) and he said he is joined with us; we are trustees or agents, or bankers, such as you would appoint to manage a business of this kind for you.

Who was the gentleman whom they recommended to you for the appointment?—The name I really forget, it is a period of four or five years since; I have endeavoured to recollect it, and I do not think I could speak the name but at random or guess.

Recollect as nearly as you can the name.—Really I have been striving with a view to recollect the name as I was walking here, and I could not at this distance of time.

Can you or not recollect it?—I cannot recollect it.

In what year was this?—I think it was in the year 1804, as well as I can recollect, or 1805.

Was it in the former part of the year or the latter part of the year?—In the Spring of the year, to the best of my recollection.

In whose nomination is this appointment?—It was given to me by Sir William Frazer.

Was it his card you gave to this gentleman?—The card that he gave to me, which he made me a present of; I asked him for an appointment, and he made me a present of the appointment.

Was Sir William Frazer a Director?—No; I believe he is a proprietor of East India shipping, but I believe he is not a Director.

By whom was the card given, which you gave to this friend of Mr. Barber and Mr. Henderson?—It was given to me by Sir William Frazer.

By whom was it signed?—I think Mr. Mills and Sir William Frazer both signed it.

Mr. Cusac.

The one as giving, and the other as recommending?—Yes, that I recollect perfectly.

Was it Mr. Charles Mills?—As to the christian name, I will not be positive, I did not look particularly to it; having a perfect confidence in Sir William Frazer, conceiving him an honourable man, that would give me nothing but what was just, I did not examine the card in the way I should otherwise have done.

For whom did Sir William Frazer give this appointment?—He gave it me as a present for myself.

Did he give it you for the purpose of disposing of it?—He gave it me as a present for myself.

Did he give it you with a view to your going out?—No; I had been tutor to his sons; he gave it me as perfectly as I could conceive any thing to be given to me; as if any gentleman here were to present me with a watch, I should conceive that constituted my property.

Did Sir William Frazer know, before or after, that it was disposed of by you?—Nothing of the kind; I received it from Sir William Frazer under no restriction or condition whatever.

What salary did Sir William Frazer give you, for your duty in attending his children?—My last attendance upon his sons was in separate times; I travelled with one of his sons, during the Peace, which was in the year 1802; it was, I suppose, for five or six years that I had the care of them.

How much per annum did you receive as tutor?—This was our agreement at beginning; Sir William Frazer said, My sons are at Harrow, they are home with me three months in the year, four weeks (he counted the times) at the three vacations, Christmas, Easter and Midsummer; and during those three vacations, I was to devote four or five hours a day, or six if necessary, every day of the week; and for the summer vacation, I was to reside altogether with him at his country house at Ray-lodge; and for this the terms were to be an hundred guineas, for the three vacations, for my attendance upon these two young gentlemen; but I was to devote all the time of the summer vacation to them. I did not reside in his house, but in Woodford, and went to them, and spent the whole day with them.

Did you apply to Sir William Frazer for a Cadetship, as intended for any relation of yours?—I did, that was my motive for applying to him; I applied to him for a favour, I thought he might have it in his power to grant me.

Did Sir William Frazer ever know that it was disposed of for money, and not as a gift to any relation of yours?—Nothing ever passed between me and Sir William Frazer upon the subject at that time.

Nor since?—Nor since, since my attendance.

Has Sir William Frazer since known of its having been disposed of for money?—I am sure I cannot tell.

You have never told him?—No; but I should not be ashamed nor afraid to tell him, for he gave it to me as conceiving it to be my own property; if a gentleman makes me a present, though I might have no claim to it before, yet it is then my property.

Did you not think you were imposing upon Sir William Frazer, when, after applying for a Cadetship for your nephew, you sold it?—I did not mention to him that it was for my nephew, that was in my own mind.

Did not Sir William Frazer ask for whom it was?—No, he did not; he always wished to serve me; he said that I had applied late to him, but that he would however get it for me.

Do you recollect the words of the application, to which that was an answer?—That I should be much obliged to him for it.

You mentioned that you took that gift as you would a watch: a watch is a thing a gentleman gives you to wear, a Cadetship you could not use, it must be for some person?—Sir William Frazer knew I was not the person going; nothing passed between him and me that I can recollect upon the subject, except his compliance with my wish.

Was

Was the wish expressed as for any one particular person, or generally for a Cadetship?—It was expressed for a Cadetship.

Mr. Cusac.

Without saying for whom it was intended?—I certainly did not say for whom.

Was it expressed by letter, or verbally?—By letter.

You have not a copy of your letter or his answer?—I have not a copy of my letter, nor I believe of his answer.

Are you a clergyman?—No, I am not, I have been long in the line of tuition.

You are not in orders?—No; Sir William Frazer was very highly pleased with my attentions to his children.

What sum of money did you receive for this Cadetship?—£. 150.

From whom did you receive that?—From Mr. Barber.

Did you receive the whole from Mr. Barber?—Yes, the whole of it.

In what manner?—He gave me a check upon a Banker.

What Banker?—I do not remember the name; it was in Lombard-street.

Did Mr. Barber or Mr. Henderson give you the name of the gentleman to be appointed?—Mr. Shee gave me the name; and Mr. Barber said that corresponded to the description of the gentleman, who was fit to receive it in every respect.

Was that young Mr. Barber?—Yes, it was.

Where does he live?—In Cowper's-court, Cornhill.

Did you pay Mr. Shee any money?—I did not, not a sixpence.

Do you know whether he received any from Mr. Barber?—That I cannot tell.

You never heard him say?—No, I never did.

Who fixed the price upon this; did you or Shee, or did they make you an offer?—I believe Mr. Shee fixed the price, and made the offer.

Did Shee communicate to you what they were willing to give?—He did; Mr. Shee fixed it; I saw Mr. Shee at my own house.

Did you ask any higher price?—I do not know that I did.

Did you leave it to Mr. Shee to pay what he thought reasonable?—I think I did; he had it pretty much as he wished to have it.

Was this appointment to Madras or Bengal?—As well as I can recollect, to Madras; but I did not examine the card particularly.

Mr. FREDERICK LEWIS POLLMANN, and Mr. JOHN KEYLOCK.

[A letter was shewn to him.]

Mr. Pollmann.—That is from our house.

What Writership had you to dispose of about the month of November last?—We had several Writerships left for disposal at our house; the persons who left them gave us the names of Calvert, and Captain Coghlan.

Mr. Pollmann

&

Mr. Keylock.

Produce the letters relating to any Writerships you had in your disposal about that time.—There were no letters left from Captain Coghlan; he left two for disposal, and they were entered on our books. We kept a book at our Office, in which they were mentioned. Here are two letters from Mr. Calvert (*producing them.*)

Who is Captain Coghlan?—We knew nothing further of him but by public advertisements: he professed himself to have interest as well as Mr. Calvert; and having persons applying at our Office, and not knowing any thing of the illegality of these transactions, when they introduced themselves to us, we entered them upon the books for disposal, but we never sold nor transacted a single thing, as the price in general asked was too large, nobody would give it for them. We have advertised to procure a candidate, but never could succeed; but the expence of those advertisements has been out of our own pocket.

Mr. Pollmann

&

Mr. Keylock.

Who is Captain Coghlan?—He keeps an Office at No. 14, Buckingham-street Adelphi; where he lives or what he does, we cannot tell: we have often enquired about him, till at last we have totally declined having any thing to do with him, finding out some circumstances respecting him. The advertisements, some of them, were to direct to A. B. at the Post-office, Richmond.

Did you ever see him?—Yes, we have.

How long have you kept this Office?—The Office has been kept eight months; but these kind of transactions never introduced themselves till within these three or four months. We were certainly led into an error.

What was the original object of instituting your Office?—It was a medical and clerical office, to dispose of partnerships and businesses among medical practitioners, and with respect to glebe lands belonging to livings, and so on.

Mr. Keylock.—In the clerical department, we never had an application but from one gentleman in Ireland, and nothing has been done in respect of him. We have been deceived by the pretensions of others, and have been completely ignorant of any kind of illegality at the bottom of it; however, nothing ever came of any attempt of the kind.

Did you ever take any pains to enquire whether those persons who professed to have offices at their disposal, had them or not?

Mr. Pollmann.—Not until lately, and then the result was, that we declined having any thing to do with them.

Mr. Keylock.—We used particular precaution in endeavouring to prevent the least imposition upon any person who had any money to purchase these things; and the manner in which we transacted the business to ensure that effect was, that nothing should be ever advanced upon it until it was entirely accomplished; that if it was not accomplished within a certain limited time, the money was to be immediately restored to the persons: we never took any cognizance of the money, nor had it in our hands: it was always in the Banker's hands; but nothing of this sort ever went so far as that. We conceived, at last, it was an entire imposition; we could not conceive what could be their motive, or in what way they could have succeeded; but nothing ever passed through our hands.

In your conversations with Captain Coghlan, did you ask him through what means he was to procure this patronage?—No; I cannot recollect a single question of the kind; they made great professions of great influence; Captain Coghlan more particularly in the army, and Mr. Calvert professed himself to have influence in all kinds of situations and appointments.

Do you know Mr. Calvert by any other name?—He never professed himself to have any other name; but the transactions have lately been made too public for us not to recognize who it is.

Do you know him by sight?—I hardly know whether I should know him.

Do you know a Mr. John Shee?

Mr. Pollmann.—There was another gentleman left a card with the name of Shee: the gentleman signing there as under secretary, always passed with us under the name of Calvert.

Mr. Keylock.—At the same time I have no doubt he is the person passing under that name, which gives a little insight into the manner in which we have been deceived.

Who was at the expence of the advertisements and letters?

Mr. Pollmann.—In general ourselves; we have had expences and losses, and never gained a single shilling by any appointments of the kind.

Did you insert advertisements, and write letters, stating that you had such appointments at your disposal, without making any enquiries whether they were to be come at or not?

Mr. Keylock.—All that we did, was merely to make copies of what was left with us, and not with any intention to deceive the public; we thought ourselves at liberty so to do; we certainly should not do so again.

Have you carried on much business in the medical department of your agency?—Very little indeed: having so little of that sort to do, it appeared to us other things might be added to it; and seeing advertisements in the paper, and ignorant of any thing

thing illegal in them, we were tempted to engage in this; but nothing passed through our office of this kind. *Mr. Pollmann*

I understood you to say you have done very little in the medical line, and nothing in the clerical?—No. *Mr. Keylock.*

And that no transaction of an official kind whatever was ever completed through your office?—Just so.

What business have you transacted in this office?—The business of the medical department is the chief of the matter; as to the clerical office, we have gone so far to have a gentleman call upon us, who stated that he was willing to preach an afternoon sermon if it was wished; and a person wanting a preacher has applied for such a person.

Mr. Pollmann.—As to medical, we have disposed of several partnerships.

Do you keep many clerks?—*Mr. Keylock.* No.

Do you keep any?—We have had one young man.

Is your's a large office?—No.

What do you pay rent for it?—Thirty guineas a year.

Mr. Pollmann.—It is now our intention totally to decline it.

Did you make entries in your books of all these things?—*Mr. Pollmann.* Yes, you will find all these things entered in our books; I dare say there are about twenty-six.

Is that book at your office now?—Yes, it is.

Mr. Keylock.—The names are not in the book, only the things that were offered, the subjects to be disposed of; whenever any person called upon us, we wrote to the parties according to our recollection who they were.

Do you mean that you made no entry of the persons by whom you were authorized to offer the things?—No entry of that was made.

Do you mean to say you have no memorandums in writing by which you could refer to the person under whose authority you inserted such an advertisement?—I do not believe we have; if we have any thing it is in a memorandum-book, I cannot say whether I have in any case made a memorandum of the person offering it; in our book there is no such thing, but being very few, and very seldom, we had a full recollection of who it was that had applied to us.

Can you by reference to your books, explain to the Committee from whom you received the authority to insert any of these appointments, or to whom reference was to be made?—I dare say we might; my partner conceives that by looking into the book he could to most of them give the answer from whom we received those applications.

In this letter which you state to have gone from your house, there are a great many appointments mentioned; advertising or making known such a variety of appointments, do you mean to say you had no written reference with regard to the persons who had authorized you to dispose of them?—No, I do not think that we had, only that we knew in general where they came from, and that we should write to the right persons I dare say.

How were you to refer to persons giving you authority to dispose of them?—*Mr. Pollmann.* We should refer the persons to Captain Coghlan; those appointments all referred to Captain Coghlan; he left the whole list of these appointments.

All the appointments under government and under the East India Company?—Yes, he left about eighteen appointments, and we made only copies for the public.

Mr. Keylock.—But we never found any one of them have any thing.

Mr. Pollmann.—These lay for public inspection; we knew nothing about where they were to come from, and we never had a candidate.

Did any person apply for those Writerships to your office?—No person applied to purchase them to my recollection; they saw them on the books, and we advertised them.

Was the price advertised?—No.

Mr. Pollmann
&
Mr. Keylock.

Then how could any person know the price but by applying?—Mr. Keylock. Several persons came after the advertisements were put into the paper; I suppose we had twenty or thirty applications, and they saw the whole in the book.

In every instance, you were to apply to Captain Coghlan?—Yes, I think in every one of those appointments mentioned in that letter.

Were you never concerned in any appointments in the line of a surgeon going out to India?—No more than in the same way by its being referred to us; there was one going out for India, which is mentioned in this letter of Mr. Calvert's, received September 16th, 1808.

Are you under prosecution now?—Yes.

For what are you indicted?—For a conspiracy for a particular circumstance, which we were led into in the same way as these, but not by the same persons.

Mr. Pollmann.—For conspiring to obtain a large sum of money for a Civil Appointment.

Do you recollect any other person, except Captain Coghlan, by whom you were empowered to dispose of or treat for any appointment under the Patronage of the East India Company?—Mr. Pollmann. Mr. Calvert gave us one direction respecting an Assistant Surgeoncy in the East India Company's service; and also stated, that his interest in the East India Company was exceedingly good.

Do you recollect the name of any other person except Coghlan and Calvert?—No.

The Right Honourable JOHN SULLIVAN.

R^t Hon. John
Sullivan.

What do you know respecting an appointment given to Mr. Etches?—Mr. Etches was employed in the public service, under the department to which I belonged; he was frequently in communication with Lord Keith upon that service; his accounts were all admitted by the Comptroller of the Navy, and he received his pecuniary remuneration in concert with the opinion of the Comptroller of the Navy; he had discovered a great deal of zeal and intelligence, as we conceived, in discharge of the service. He applied to me urgently for a Cadetship; I recommended him to Lord Castlereagh, and Lord Castlereagh gave him a nomination.

Did he apply for the Cadetship for any son or relation?—He applied for it for some near relation of his own, but the name I cannot recollect.

Did he mention the name of the person for whom he applied?—He mentioned the name of a person for whom he applied, to the best of my recollection.

Do you recollect whether you gave that name with the name of Mr. Etches to Lord Castlereagh?—I think I must; it was a circumstance which did not at all rest upon my mind; I rather reluctantly gave him a Cadetship, for I had connections which I should have rather served: but I put it upon the ground of public services, and it was upon that ground Lord Castlereagh granted it, as well as I can recollect. Mr. Etches told me afterwards some little time, that he found the person whose name he had given me was twenty-three years of age, and that upon that ground, he was objectionable, and requested that he might be suffered to substitute another name; but whether that was previous to the communication to Lord Castlereagh I cannot charge my memory.

Did Mr. Etches give you any reason to suppose that he intended to derive any pecuniary advantage from this?—He certainly did not.

Either before or since?—Neither before nor since.

Do you recollect whether you asked him, upon his mentioning that the name was to be changed, whether the other person was a relation of his own?—I cannot charge my memory.

Did you think him sufficiently paid by the Comptroller of the Navy without the Cadetship?—As to pecuniary payment, I think he was; but he stated, that he had law-suits depending, and that his absence upon public service had subjected him to particular inconvenience in the prosecution of those law-suits; this of course could not be taken into consideration by the Comptroller of the Navy, but he manifested a great

great deal of intelligence and zeal in the public service. I know nothing at all of Mr. Etches, but upon public grounds; he came to me announced by the Admiralty as a person they had employed.

*R^t Hon. John
Sullivan.*

How long after the service he was employed in, was this Cadetship given?—I should think his application to me was within three weeks or a month; but that I obtained the Cadetship for him after I was out of office.

How long was it afterwards?—I think not more than two months. I think the accounts were closed just as I went out of office.

You had no idea that he intended to sell it?—Not the least.

Lord Castlereagh gave you the Cadetship.—Not to me to give as I pleased, but specifically for him.

You did not apply to Lord Castlereagh for it as a favour to yourself?—Certainly not.

Only on the ground of public service.—Just so; but, at the same time, it was precluding me from making any application to Lord Castlereagh upon a private ground.

Do you recollect that when I (Mr. Vanfittart) met Mr. Etches at your office, I recognized him as a person I had known to be before employed privately by government?—I rather think so. He was recommended to me by Sir Evan Nepean, as a person the Admiralty had employed; he was well known to Lord Saint Vincent, with whom he had communication upon that service; the whole of that service went through the Comptroller of the Navy.

Mr. JOHN HENDERSON.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Cusac?—Yes, I have seen him.

Mr. Henderson.

Upon what occasion did you see him first?—The first occasion I saw him was on the transaction of a Cadetship.

Relate what passed relative to that transaction.—It did not pass through me; I only saw Mr. Shee; I had no communication with him respecting it.

What passed with Mr. Shee?—I applied to Mr. Shee to get a Cadetship for India, in consequence of that, he said he could procure it upon certain terms; the terms were agreed upon, and every thing was in readiness, and Mr. Shee then introduced Mr. Cusac; and that is all I know upon the subject.

What terms were agreed upon between yourself and Mr. Shee?—The terms were two hundred pounds, or two hundred guineas, I think.

To whom was that sum paid?—I believe it was paid either to Mr. Cusac or to Mr. Shee, but I am not certain which.

Did you pay the sum?—No, I did not.

By whom was it paid?—By Mr. Stephen Barber, of Cowper's-court, Cornhill.

For whom was the appointment obtained?—For a Mr. Boys's son in Suffex.

What was the young man's Christian name?—I do not immediately recollect his Christian name, whether it was Alexander or William. I corresponded with the father upon the business.

Did the father pay the money?—The father lodged the money in the hands of Messrs. Barber and Sons, in Cornhill, I think.

What was your connection with Mr. Boys?—It was through Mr. Barber. I told Mr. Barber, I believed such an appointment might be procured; he had a friend that wished it procured, and he mentioned Mr. Boys to me as wishing the appointment, I acted as an agent in the business.

For whom did you act as agent?—I acted both for Shee and for Boys.

What advantage did you derive from the transaction?—I had £.50.

Mr. Henderson.

From whom did you receive that?—I received it from Mr. Boys; it was lodged at Barber's house, and Mr. Barber received £.50. also.

Do you know what Mr. Cufac received?—I do not; that was a matter that rested between Shee and him.

Do you know what Shee received?—I do not indeed.

Was the original bargain made between you and Shee?—The first correspondence took place between Shee and me.

What price was fixed between you?—I think £.200. or 200 guineas; the full sum paid was 300 guineas; 100 was divided between Mr. Barber and myself.

As far as you are acquainted with the transaction, was three hundred pounds or guineas the whole sum paid?—Three hundred pounds or guineas was the outside of the whole, and covered agency, and all: Mr. Barber's books will ascertain exactly.

Do you recollect in what year that was?—It must have been in 1807, or 1806, it cannot be longer back than three years, I think.

Did you see the card of appointment?—No I did not.

Do you know in the patronage of what Director this was?—I do not.

Are you sure the young man sent out had the name of Boys?—Yes.

What other transactions relating to the purchase or disposal of appointments were you engaged in?—I was engaged in two others, and that was all.

State what they were?—The first I was concerned in was four years ago, with the elder Mr. Shee, as far as I can recollect; he applied to me, saying that he wished for a Cadetship for a young man of the name of Brown, and I forget now the particulars relating to the transaction; however, it was agreed upon, and I did procure the appointment through a friend.

Through what friend did you obtain that appointment?—Through Mr. John Herbert.

Of what place?—He is now gone out as Purser in the East India Company's service, in the Euphrates.

In whose nomination was that appointment?—That I do not know.

Do you know the Christian name of the young man that was sent out?—No, I do not recollect it.

Was it to Madras or Bengal?—To Madras I think.

In what year was that?—It must be four years back, I suppose it must have been in 1805.

What money was paid for that Cadetship?—I think £. 200 or 200 guineas, or 250, but I cannot charge my memory precisely.

By whom was it paid?—By a relation of the young man's, a Mr. Brown, but I do not know his Christian name; he lived at that time in the Edgeware Road.

Do you know the number?—No, it was in some buildings, but I cannot recollect the name of them.

Was he a man in any profession?—Not that I know of; I think the sum was £. 250 or guineas.

To whom was the money paid?—The money was paid to Herbert.

What sum did you receive out of that?—I received twenty-five or thirty pounds.

Do you know what Shee received?—I believe he received about the same that I did.

Was that paid to each of you by Mr. Herbert?—No; there was a certain sum agreed upon between me and Mr. Herbert, and I gave Mr. Shee so much.

How much did you give Mr. Herbert?—I think I gave him £.200, but I am not absolutely certain.

And

And then you divided the £. 50. between yourself and Mr. Shee?—Yes, but I cannot charge my memory whether it was not only 200 guineas, and that there was only £. 170. paid to Mr. Herbert. *Mr. Henderson.*

Do you recollect ever having heard Mr. Herbert say from whom he procured that appointment?—I never did.

Did you go with young Mr. Brown to the India House?—Mr. Herbert went with him; I went with Mr. Brown after his appointment had taken place, to see him pass through some of the Offices, but it was not till after his appointment had taken place.

Do you know to which of the Directors young Mr. Brown was introduced?—I really do not know.

What is the other Cadetship which you mentioned having been concerned in?—That was through Mr. Herbert likewise.

In what year was that?—I think about two years ago; not exceeding two years.

For whom was that appointment obtained?—For a Mr. Cafey.

Do you know his Christian name?—No, I do not; he was an Irish gentleman.

What money was paid for that appointment?—There was £. 250. paid for it.

By whom was it paid?—By Hendry Houghton and Company, of King's Arms Yard.

To whom was it paid?—To me.

What part of that did you pay to Mr. Herbert?—I paid £. 200. to him.

Did you retain the remainder yourself?—I did.

Was that the whole sum that was paid?—It was the whole sum.

Have you any memorandum at home that would give the Christian names of Boys or Cafey?—I am not certain. Boys's name I can certainly get by asking Messrs. Barber and Son; as to Cafey's, I cannot state whether I can obtain it.

Had Mr. Shee any part in the last transaction?—None at all; it was a matter that rested entirely with myself and Mr. Herbert.

Was Cafey the father here?—No, Hendry Houghton and Company were the correspondents of his relations in Ireland, and I negotiated my business through them.

Then they must know the Christian name?—Yes, of course they must; Mr. Herbert went with Cafey to the India House and lodged the card before any money was paid, but I did not see the card.

Have you ever been concerned in the disposal of any Writership?—Never.

Have you been concerned in the disposal of any other Cadetship?—No; I will be very candid; I was negotiating with Mr. Shee for a cavalry Cadetship.

How long ago?—About two months ago.

Did you effect that?—No; it did not take place.

On what account did it fail?—From what Mr. Shee informed me, the young man got his appointment in another quarter.

Did Shee tell you in whose nomination that appointment was?—Never, I believe; I had a letter from him, saying, that the young man got it without paying any money.

Are these all the transactions to what you are privy?—Those are all the transactions I am privy to as to East India affairs, or any others.

The bargain was made how the money was to be paid before Herbert went to the India House with Cafey?—Yes; the terms were all settled.

Mr. RICHARD POWER.

Do you recollect any money being paid through your house for the appointment of a Cadet to the East Indies?—Yes. *Mr. Power.*

What was the name of the gentleman who paid that money?—John Power.

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Mr. Power. Was it paid by a draft upon your house?—It was paid by a draft of our own, I believe.

To whom was it paid?—To a Mr. Salt, I think.

For whom was the appointment procured?—For John Power.

Is he a relation of your's?—Yes, he is.

What was the sum paid?—I think £. 250.

In what year was this?—I think it is about three years ago.

Was it in the year 1807?—I cannot state exactly, but I can easily ascertain that.

To which of the Presidencies was this appointment?—I cannot state that.

How nearly related to you was this gentleman?—A first cousin.

Did you see the card by which he was appointed, at the India House?—No.

Who went with him to the India House?—I believe Salt.

Had you any conversation with Mr. Salt about this appointment?—It was in consequence of an advertisement in one of the papers, Mr. Salt made his appearance, and said he had a Cadetcy which he could not make use of himself, and that he wanted to dispose of it. We gave him what he asked; £. 250.

Was this bargain made between yourself and Mr. Salt?—I think it was; the advertisement, I think, directed to a Mr. Shee; and I believe this Mr. Shee sent a Mr. Salt.

Was Mr. Shee present at the time of your making the bargain with Mr. Salt?—No, he was not.

Was any other person present besides yourself and Mr. Salt?—I really do not recollect.

Can you recollect whether your first cousin was present?—I think he must have been present; I conclude he must have been present.

Was it his own money that was paid?—It was his father's money.

Was the father in town at the time of the transaction?—No.

From whom had Mr. Salt obtained this appointment?—I cannot say.

Did you never hear him say who the Director was that was his friend?—No.

Did you understand that he obtained it for himself?—Yes, I did.

Was it to Madras Mr. John Power went out?—I am sure I cannot tell; the young man was going out to India, and wanted this appointment; I got it for him, and thought nothing more about it. I think it is to Madras he is gone.

Did you pay any money to Mr. Shee?—No.

Where does Mr. Salt live?—I do not know.

Have you never seen him since?—He called upon me this morning.

Did he call upon you by accident this morning?—No, he called upon me upon this business soon after I received the summons, and said, that he supposed I should be called before the House of Commons; he mentioned, that his Christian name was not in the summons, but he concluded it must be him; but he was not quite certain; and that he left his name, I think, at the Chapter Coffee-house, and would be there in two hours time.

That was to-day?—Yes.

Has Mr. Salt any public appointment?—Not that I know of; at the time he got this appointment he desired that we should be very secret, for that if he was known to have parted with it, it would be of great injury to him in the opinion of his friends, and might be injurious to the young man who went out with it.

Are you sure your relation did not pass as Mr. Salt?—I really cannot say; I know nothing more than having seen Mr. Salt, and that Mr. John Power went out under the appointment that he obtained from Mr. Salt, for which he paid £. 250.

Sir WILLIAM FRASER, Bart.

Do you recollect giving any Cadetship to Mr. Cufac?—Perfectly well.

Sir W. Fraser.

How long ago was that?—It may be two or three years; I know it is since my sons went from under his care; and they went abroad, the one in 1803, and the other in 1806; it may be about two years, or a year and a half.

In whose nomination was that appointment?—Mr. Charles Mills's.

Who was the young man that went out under that appointment?—He made the application to me in consequence of having been a tutor to my sons during their vacation from Harrow, saying it was for the son of a gentleman to whom he was under great obligations.

Did he mention the name of that gentleman?—I will not take upon me to say he did; he might; but such was my confidence in Mr. Cufac, that I had not the smallest suspicion: I remember that he made a very strong representation, for I am not much in the habit of receiving applications for these things and attending to them.

Did Mr. Cufac apply to you by letter or in person?—In person.

Do you recollect whether he desired to change the name of the person he wished to recommend?—No, he did not; it was some time before I obtained it for my friend, but I am satisfied he did not change the name.

Had you any suspicion that he meant to derive any pecuniary advantage from it?—Not the most distant.

Should you have given it to him as a matter from which he was to derive pecuniary advantage?—I should have supposed he durst not have made such a proposition to me; I am convinced he would not.

Had you any conversation with him subsequent to the appointment upon this subject?—Never, from the time of my giving him the blank card; Mr. Mills put my name, Sir William Fraser, at the corner, and I put my name upon it, confiding to his honour.

Did you state to Mr. Cufac that it was not an appointment he was at liberty to dispose of for money?—I took it for granted he would not do such a thing; the application in the first place was with an apology, with a great deal of diffidence; he was a very diffident man; he was connected with me five years, and I thought him not only a man of education, but a man of correct manners, during that period.

On what account did you think it not necessary to give him any caution with regard to not selling this appointment, or disposing of it improperly?—I had heard a great deal about their being sold, but I positively declare, I thought it totally out of the question that he should do such a thing; I had not the most distant jealousy of running any risk of the kind.

Have you any suspicion with regard to any other Cadetship that you gave?—Not the least.

Did Mr. Charles Mills know any thing except that he gave it to you?—Nothing upon earth; from the moment he put it into my hand he knew nothing further about it. My opinion of Mr. Cufac was very high, from five or six years observation; he was a very able scholar, both ancient and modern, and every circumstance in his behaviour concurred to raise him in my opinion.

The Right honourable EARL TEMPLE.

Your Lordship's name having been mentioned to the Committee in a transaction carried on by Mr. Chaplin, as an agent of your Lordship's, will you communicate to the Committee what you recollect of that circumstance?—I should think it was in the autumn of 1805 that Mr. Collett, a gentleman of Buckinghamshire, told me, I think, through Mr. Chaplin, that he wished for a Cadetship, for, I believe, a son of his. I think it right to state that Mr. Chaplin is no agent of mine; he is no solicitor, having, I believe, long ceased to act as such; he never did act as my solicitor, and never did act as such for me: he is my confidential friend. I informed Mr. Collett, that situated as I then was with respect to the then existing administration,

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(Mr. Pitt being then alive) I had no interest whatever with the Members of Government, to whom I might be expected to apply for a Cadetship; and that I was not sufficiently acquainted with any East India Directors, to authorize me to apply to them. It occurred to me, however, believing from some circumstances that Mr. Chaplin, from his city connections, was acquainted with some of the India Directors, and that he might be enabled to obtain the Cadetship in question, I asked him whether he thought he might be able to procure it; he said that he thought he possibly might, that he would try, and that if he could procure it he would. From that time I heard no more of the circumstance, until some weeks, perhaps months, I really do not recollect the period; but some time had elapsed when Mr. Chaplin told me he had procured a Cadetship for Mr. Collett; I then asked him how he had got it, and then, for the first time, I found that it had been purchased. I recollect asking Mr. Chaplin whether he thought Mr. Collett would be much obliged to me for having only got him an opportunity of laying out his own money; to which Mr. Chaplin said, Collett was aware of the manner in which the thing was procured, and must be well satisfied, because it was so good a bargain; he then told me the price he had paid for it, but which I really do not recollect. That is all I know of the circumstance. The Cadetship was bought with Mr. Collett's money, and I was no party to the transaction of the purchase. I do not know whether it is necessary to add, that the summer afterwards, when I was in office, while I was down at Exmouth, I received a letter from a person, informing me that he was the person through whom I had procured this Cadetship, and desiring that I would write to him, if I wished at any time to procure another. Being in an official situation, I was shocked at receiving such a letter, and I trust it is unnecessary to say that I returned no answer to it, but threw it in the fire. I have been trying, since I heard that my name had been mentioned to the Committee, to recollect the name of the signature to that letter, but I cannot say whether it was signed by Mr. Pasmore or not; it is probable it was, inasmuch as he stated, that he was the person through whom the Cadetship in question was obtained.

Was it Mr. Collett's son who went out to India?—Either his son or his nephew, but I think his son.

Do you recollect his Christian name?—No; I happen to know that Mr. Collett has several sons, but I do not know either of the young men. I never heard any more of the transaction, and do not know when he went out, or whether he went out.

Was Mr. Chaplin authorized to make use of your Lordship's name in any part of this transaction?—No, certainly not.

Did Mr. Collett express himself obliged to you for any part of this transaction?—I do not recollect that I have seen Mr. Collett since; but I recollect Mr. Chaplin saying, that he must feel himself under an obligation, as it was so good a bargain; and he then said what the sum was which was given for it, which I entirely forget.

The sum which has been stated in evidence was £. 225?—I rather think it was somewhere about that sum.

MR. MATTHEW SPILMAN SALT.

Mr. Matthew Spilman Salt.

In what profession are you?—In none at all.

Where do you live?—At present at Kennington.

Whereabouts in Kennington?—I am in lodgings there; I cannot give you the number nor the name of the buildings, for I have not been there a week.

Is it in any street?—It is in a street.

What is the name of the street?—I do not know what is the name of the street, or whether it is a row, or what it is.

Do you ever receive any letters there?—I have not received any letters there; I may, if I were to give that direction.

If you were to desire any body to write to you, how should you tell them to direct to you?—I have not had occasion, at present, to order any letters to be directed to me.

Had you ever a Cadetship given to you?—I had.

By whom?—Am I to state the party who gave it to me, or the party in consequence of whose appointment the thing was put into my hands?

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State both.—The appointment was given me by Lord Longueville, through Lord Westmorland; it was Lord Castlereagh's appointment.

In what year was it?—It was 1804 or 1805.

Cannot you recollect the exact time?—I cannot.

Where did you live at the time you had this appointment?—At Islington.

In what part of Islington?—In the road leading from the end of Saint John-street up to Islington, immediately out of the skirts of the town; I do not know the name of the road, or whether it was a road or a street; it was not indeed a street, it was in the open air.

How long did you live there?—Two months, perhaps, I occupied a lodging there; perhaps more and perhaps less; I cannot state exactly.

In what year did you live there?—In the same year this appointment was given me.

What year was that?—1804 or 1805.

Cannot you state it with more accuracy than that?—I cannot take upon me to say which it was positively; it was either 1804 or 1805, to the best of my recollection; and that I do not state from any absolute recollection of the date, but from other circumstances, which induce me to think it was that, but it might not be either.

On what account did Lord Longueville give you this appointment?—I do not know on what account.

Are you particularly acquainted with Lord Longueville?—I am not.

In what way are you connected with Lord Longueville?—I am not connected with him at all.

On what account did he give you this appointment?—He gave it to me at the request of a relation.

Who was that relation?—My mother-in-law.

How is she acquainted or connected with Lord Longueville?—She had let him a house.

In London?—Yes.

Did she apply to him for this appointment?—I suppose she did.

Do you not know that she did?—Shall I be permitted to state what I know respecting the origin of the appointment? The appointment, as far as I understood, came to me gratuitously, without my requesting it, or in any way applying, directly or indirectly, to Lord Longueville for that or any other appointment of a similar nature; at that time it so happened that my Lord Longueville had destined this appointment for some other friend; as I understood, the person either was not competent or did not chuse to accept it, and it remained with Lord Longueville to give it to somebody else; this came to the knowledge, or happened casually to come to the knowledge, of my mother-in-law; and she said, I understand, to Lord Longueville, may I recommend a party? the answer was, as far as I know, yes; the consequence was, my name was mentioned to his Lordship. That is all I know of it. I know no more of this than common hearsay and report. I never solicited my mother-in-law to ask Lord Longueville, directly or indirectly, for any post or appointment, or place whatever.

In what manner was it communicated to you, that Lord Longueville had given you this appointment?—It was not communicated to me at all that he had given it; a letter was sent by my relation, stating that if I chose to accept such a thing, or liked such a thing, I might have it, or to that effect; and that letter I found on coming home at night.

What answer did you return?—I do not know what answer I returned, I am sure.

Did you accept or decline it?—I accepted it; perhaps I did not return an answer, but gave it of myself.

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What did you do with this appointment?—Previously to answering that question, may I be permitted to submit, whether I am, or shall be, obliged to answer any questions that may tend to prejudice me in the opinion of my friends, and of this honourable Committee?

[The Witness was informed by the Chairman that he must answer the question.]

I believe the best way for me to answer that question, will be, that, under particular circumstances, I received money for it.

What sum did you receive?—£. 200.

From whom did you receive it?—From the party that enjoyed the appointment.

Who enjoyed the appointment?—A young gentleman of the name of Power; I do not know what other name he had.

Who paid you the money?—The young gentleman himself, or his relations; I think it was the young man himself gave me a check upon a banker.

Did you give him your card in consequence?—No, I did not in consequence; I gave him the card previously; and he got the appointment, and passed entirely through all the forms and ceremonies, before I got any money at all, or any more than a verbal assurance that I should have something.

By whom was the card signed?—Lord Castlereagh, as far as I know; I do not know that I saw the card; I believe I did see it.

Did you not give the card to Mr. Power?—No, I did not give the card to Mr. Power; I could not get the card for myself at the Board of Control, to give to Mr. Power, or any body.

Who gave the card to Mr. Power?—The official person at the board of control.

Did your relation acquaint Lord Longueville, that Mr. Power was the person she desired to have appointed?—No.

Did she acquaint Lord Longueville in the first instance, that she wished your name to be inserted in the nomination?—She knew nothing about the insertion of my name in the nomination at all; it was no more than a simple recommendation of me personally and individually to Lord Longueville, to go out and act under that; she knew nothing about the insertion of the name in the card, or any official matter whatever.

How came Mr. Power's name to be inserted in the card?—At my request.

To whom did you make that request?—To Lord Westmorland or Lord Castlereagh; to Lord Westmorland, I think, or Lord Longueville.

Do you know Lord Westmorland?—I know him by seeing him; I know nothing more of Lord Westmorland personally, and have had no intercourse with him further than what I saw, and what I knew, upon that occasion.

Had you any interviews with him upon this occasion?—Yes, in consequence of my letter of recommendation from Lord Longueville to Lord Westmorland.

What passed in your conversation with Lord Westmorland?—did you state that you were desirous of going out yourself?—Yes, I did; it was unnecessary for me to state that to Lord Westmorland, for the appointment was given to me through Lord Longueville, who gave me a letter of recommendation to him, as the person to have the appointment.

Did you give Lord Westmorland to understand that you were desirous of accepting this Cadetship, and going out in consequence?—I did not give him to understand one way or the other, further than the letter which I carried, which was a necessary introduction to Lord Westmorland for my accepting it.

Did Lord Westmorland know your name?—Certainly, he knew my name, as being inserted in the original letter from Lord Longueville to Lord Westmorland; he knew my name as stated there.

Was it communicated to him, that you desired the name might be changed?—It was communicated to him, certainly.

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By whom was it communicated?—By Lord Longueville's letter.

Did you carry a second letter from Lord Longueville to Lord Westmorland?—As nearly as I can recollect, I did.

Did you state to Lord Westmorland that you had disposed of this appointment, or intended to dispose of it, for money?—I certainly did not state any such thing, either to Lord Westmorland or Lord Longueville.

What reason did you give, either to Lord Longueville or Lord Westmorland, why you declined the appointment yourself, and wished the name of Mr. Power to be inserted?—I gave this reason; that I was not certain of my own age, which was a fact; that I could not immediately (it was at the end of the season when the appointment took place) ascertain it; that I could not give any formal proof as to age, not being quite certain as to my age, nor having it in my power to obtain the necessary certificates; consequently that I could not take advantage of the appointment, unless his Lordship would allow me to effect an exchange with an individual, who had an appointment for the ensuing season, who had or might have an appointment for the ensuing season; in consequence of which, as the end of the season was then very near, I should have an opportunity of making the inquiries between that and the ensuing season, which might be twelve months; and I might ascertain the fact, as to my age, and be able then, to go out with the other appointment.

With what other appointment?—With another appointment.

Had you an expectation, or a promise of another appointment?—Certainly, I had an expectation, and a certainty of another appointment; I had doubly a certainty; first of all, a party was named by the agent of the party, between myself and the individual, who did actually go out under the appointment; a party was named who had the promise of an appointment for the ensuing season; I saw that person, and that person in company with the young gentleman in question did go out, and that party had, as far as I knew, the promise of a Cadetship for the ensuing season.

Who was that person?—He was a person of the name of Mr. George.

Did he say from whom he had the promise of that other appointment?—He did say from whom.

From whom was it?—Mr. Devaynes.

Did you make any bargain with him, as to that appointment?—Certainly none at all whatever.

Who was the agent between you and Mr. Power?—A man of the name of Shee.

How did he know that you had this appointment to dispose of?—By my applying to him in consequence of an advertisement I saw in the news-paper.

Have you had any other transactions with Mr. Shee?—Certainly none at all.

Have you had any transactions with Mr. George, relating to an appointment in the East Indies?—None whatever.

Did you make any inquiries with regard to an appointment for yourself, the next season?—No, I did not; I have every reason to suppose I did not; I do not know that I did.

What sum of money did you give to Mr. Shee?—I did not give him any at all.

Do you know what Mr. Power gave him?—Mr. Power gave him £. 50.

Was the sum of £. 200 the whole you received?—The whole.

Are you sure the card was signed by Lord Castlereagh?—I have every reason to suppose it was signed by Lord Castlereagh.

You saw the card?—I believe I did see the card; it was no doubt Lord Castlereagh's signature.

Did you ever see Lord Castlereagh upon this occasion yourself?—Never.

Had either Lord Longueville or Lord Westmorland any reason to suppose, or to suspect, that you disposed of this appointment for money?—Most undoubtedly not; nor did I mean, eventually, that it should be disposed of for money nor to receive the

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£. 200; but either to go out the succeeding season myself, or to have restored the £. 200 to the party in question.

To what party in question?—To Mr. Power; and I told him so; but I could not do it. I then resolved to do what I did, which I deemed satisfactory to myself at the time.

Mr. HENRY HOUGHTON.

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H. Houghton.*

Are you a partner in the house of Hendry, Houghton, and Company?—I am.

Do you recollect a person of the name of Casey going to India?—Yes, perfectly.

What was his christian name?—Thomas.

Do you recollect paying any sum of money, on his account, to procure a Cadetship?—Perfectly well.

In what year was it?—The 14th July 1806.

To whom was that money paid?—It was paid to a person of the name of Henderson.

What sum was paid?—Two hundred and fifty guineas.

Did you see the India House card, under which he was appointed?—I do not recollect that I did.

Do you know in whose nomination it was?—I do not; a correspondent of ours in Ireland requested us to make that purchase; it was a business to which we were total strangers; we understood those things were procured by certain agents; this man came in consequence of those inquiries we had been making; he was a person we were total strangers to; he was a broker; we had had no transaction with him before, and none since; this sum was to be paid to him without the young man's knowledge; on inquiry we found it was inconsistent with the nature of the oath he would have to take, and this we represented to our correspondents (this was before he came over); on our informing them of that, they said it was not to be done with his knowledge, so that he might take the oath.

Whose money did you pay for it?—I really cannot say; I have the correspondence here which passed upon the subject; it was through some of his friends, but I have no knowledge who paid it eventually.

Who authorized you to pay the money?—The house of Kellock and Maxwell, at Cork.

Who made the bargain with Mr. Henderson for this appointment?—I believe I did myself.

[The witness produced the letter, authorizing him to purchase a Cadetship for John Casey, and stating that they had recently purchased another for £. 200; and another letter, acknowledging the purchase of a Cadetcy for Thomas Casey.]

Was the Cadetcy on the Bengal establishment?—No, it was on the Madras establishment at last.

Did you know from Mr. Henderson for whom he sold this?—No, I did not.

Do you recollect by whom Henderson was introduced to you?—Not at all; he called in consequence of hearing that we wanted such a thing.

You had not advertised?—No, we had not.

You never had any other transaction of this kind?—Never any other.

Miss ELIZABETH H. SPINLUFF.

*Miss Elizabeth
H. Spinluff.*

Do you recollect receiving an appointment to a Cadetship from Mr. Robert Thornton?—I do.

In what year was that?—I think it was in 1806 or 1807; it was about three years ago.

Where did you live at the time you received that appointment?—I had moved about

about a good deal; I had been down at Southampton with my brother; I came up on some business of his for a short time, and it was about that period, I believe.

*Miss Elizabeth
H. Spink.*

Was that in 1807?—It must have been three years ago, I think.

For whom did you obtain that appointment from Mr. Thornton, or whose name did you mention to Mr. Thornton?—A Mr. Thomas Maw.

Did you mention that name to Mr. Thornton, when first you solicited the appointment?—When I first solicited the appointment, I applied to Mr. Corfellis, who was intimately acquainted with Mr. Thornton; he was a very zealous friend of Mr. Thornton's, at his elections; I did not know sufficient of Mr. Thornton to ask such a favour; but I understood from Mr. Corfellis that he had expressed a desire to do any thing he could to serve any part of my family, who were well known to many of his friends, and on the strength of that I had the presumption to ask Mr. Corfellis, who had known my family for a vast number of years.

Did you desire Mr. Corfellis to apply for a Cadetship in particular, or any other appointment?—I do not know that that was particularly specified.

When did Mr. Corfellis inform you that he had this appointment at your disposal?—Mr. Corfellis did not inform me he had any appointment to dispose of, but that he would endeavour to mention it.

At what time did he inform you that he had mentioned it and obtained it; how long after your first application to him?—I cannot take upon myself to recollect.

Did you obtain the information of the appointment being at your disposal through Mr. Corfellis or Mr. Robert Thornton himself?—Not through Mr. Robert Thornton, certainly.

What did you do with this appointment when it was at your disposal?—I have been extremely sorry, since I find that these things are not correct; but it did not strike me as so improper a thing, and I understood I should receive a compliment for it, which certainly I am now very sorry that I ever did.

What steps did you take for the disposal of this appointment?—A person applied to me.

Who was that person?—A Mrs. Morrison; I do not know that Mrs. Morrison absolutely paid me the money; she might not give me the money; but I received a note from her, which I did not open till I returned home, and I there found a compliment which I was requested to accept.

What sum of money was contained in that note?—Seventy pounds.

Was that the whole?—Yes; it was the whole, to the best of my recollection; indeed I am positive it was.

Was it in Bank notes or a draft upon a banker?—In notes, the whole of it.

Was there no more than £. 70?—No; I am positive there was no more than £. 70.

Did you receive any thing besides this £. 70?—Not any thing whatever.

How did Mrs. Morrison know you had this piece of patronage at your disposal?—I believe it might be in consequence of an advertisement, I think it was, that an application was made; there was an advertisement certainly which led to it, I recollect.

Do you know by whom that advertisement was inserted?—No; I do not recollect.

How long have you known Mrs. Morrison?—It was in consequence of that I knew Mrs. Morrison; I never had seen or heard of her before in my life.

Did you apply to Mrs. Morrison in consequence of an advertisement?—I am not positively certain; I know it was in consequence of an advertisement, the commencement of the acquaintance took place.

Was it in consequence of your seeing an advertisement; or were you applied to through any third person?—I believe it was in consequence of my having seen an advertisement; I think so, but I cannot be quite positive about that.

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Miss Elizabeth H. Spinluff. What passed between you and Mrs. Morrison, upon the subject of this Cadetship?—Mrs. Morrison stated to me, that she knew a very respectable young man who wished to go out to India; and that a compliment would be given, if he could possibly obtain this patronage.

Did she mention what compliment would be given?—I believe she mentioned something about £. 100 or £. 150.

Did you not make some bargain with her, with regard to the sum that was to be paid for it?—No, I did not indeed.

When you determined to sell this nomination, did you not also determine to receive a fair price for it?—I was given to understand, by Mrs. Morrison, that I should not receive more than £. 70; which was the sum I did receive.

Did you make any inquiries what was the value of Cadetships?—No, I did not; I was perfectly unacquainted with these sort of things, and I rested entirely satisfied with what she said upon the subject.

Who talked of £. 100 or £. 150; you or Mrs. Morrison?—I believe Mrs. Morrison said there had been as much given, but that she could not answer for my receiving a sum equal to that, or something to that effect; I do do recollect the words exactly.

Did you expect to receive no more than £. 70?—I did not.

Who was the gentleman that was sent out in consequence of this transaction?—A Mr. Thomas Maw.

Did you mention Mr. Thomas Maw's name to Mr. Robert Thornton, or did Mr. Corfellis mention it?—I rather think Mr. Corfellis might mention it, because it was through his first opening the subject that Mr. Thornton was so obliging as to give it; but I am very certain neither Mr. Thornton nor Mr. Corfellis had an idea of this transaction, or it never would have been granted.

Had you any conversation, or any correspondence with Mr. Robert Thornton, on the subject of this appointment?—None.

Whom did you represent Mr. Thomas Maw to Mr. Corfellis to be?—As a friend whom I wished to serve; that he was a very genteel young man.

Did you give Mr. Corfellis any reason to suppose you derived any pecuniary advantage from this appointment?—Not the smallest.

Did he make any inquiries of you who Mr. Maw was; whether he was any connection or relation of yours?—No; he was perfectly satisfied, I believe, with the recommendation he had of him.

By whom was Mr. Thomas Maw introduced to Mr. Thornton?—I believe by Mr. Dawson.

Who is Mr. Dawson?—Mr. Dawson was a person that lived upon his property, I believe.

Did he live in London?—Yes.

In what part of London?—He lived in Portland-place and Portland-road.

Did he live in Weymouth-street at that time?—Yes; at that very time I recollect he did.

Do you know in what year he lived in Weymouth-street?—In 1804 and 1805 he was there, I believe.

Was Mr. Thomas Maw any relation or connection of yours or Mr. Dawson's?—No, he was not.

The Dawsons were not any relations of Mr. Thomas Maw?—No; they were represented as such.

Did they represent themselves as being connected with Mr. Thomas Maw?—I rather believe Mr. Dawson, when he introduced Mr. Maw to Mr. Robert Thornton, gave him so to understand.

Was Mr. Dawson a particular acquaintance of Mr. Thornton's?—No acquaintance whatever.

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Why did he pass Mr. Thomas Maw, as his relation if he had no particular acquaintance with Mr. Thornton?—Mr. Thornton understood Mr. Dawson to be a friend of mine, and my family; and therefore we thought, by his introducing Mr. Maw as a relation of his, it would have more weight with him. *Miss Elizabeth H. Spinluff.*

Have you been long acquainted with Mr. Dawson?—Many years.

Did you desire him to represent himself as a relation of this young man?—I do not know that I particularly desired him; but it was mentioned, among their family, that it would seem more plausible if he was represented in that light.

Did Mr. Dawson do this of himself, or by your desire?—It was at my particular request he introduced him to Mr. Robert Thornton.

Did you request him to represent Mr. Maw as being his relation?—I do not know that I absolutely requested him so to do, but I understood it was done.

Did you not understand it was to be done, before it was done?—Something to that effect had been mentioned, I know.

By whom was it mentioned?—I really cannot exactly ascertain who mentioned it.

Was it mentioned by yourself?—I positively cannot say; I understood it was customary to do it, and it was done.

Did Mr. Dawson derive any pecuniary benefit from this transaction?—Not in the least.

Upon what account do you suppose he volunteered telling a falsehood to Mr. Robert Thornton?—I really cannot say; but that he thought it might serve me to get the matter accomplished, I presume.

Did he do it to oblige you?—Certainly.

Did he do it at your request?—I cannot positively say I requested him; but he certainly did it with a view to serve me.

Did you know that it was to be done before it was done?—I rather supposed it would be done.

From what circumstances did you suppose it would be done?—From hearing the subject canvassed over; it was thought, certainly, that it would have a more plausible appearance if it was done.

What was the substance of that conversation?—I really cannot state it.

Was it for the purpose of deceiving Mr. Robert Thornton, as to the person sent out?—Certainly; it was a deception, no doubt.

Was the plausible appearance for the purpose of deceiving Mr. Robert Thornton?—It certainly was.

Do you know what money Mrs. Morrison received, on account of her part in this transaction?—No, I do not.

Did you ever complain to her that you did not receive money enough for it?—No.

Do you know Mr. Shee?—No, I do not know Mr. Shee; I believe I once saw him.

Did you see him upon the occasion of this transaction, or any part of it?—No; I do not recollect that I did.

When did you see Mr. Shee, and upon what occasion?—I saw him, I believe, once at Mrs. Morrison's, but I had no conversation with him.

Had you any letter from Mr. Shee, or did you write any letter to him?—No; I do not recollect any letter passing.

Upon what occasion did you see him with Mrs. Morrison?—I do not know upon what occasion he was there.

Did nothing pass, in your presence, between him and Mrs. Morrison?—No.

Did he make any application to you for money?—No; I do not recollect that he did.

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H. Spinluff.*

How long is it since you have seen Mrs. Morrison?—More than two years.

Do you continue to visit her now, when you are in London?—I do not.

Did your acquaintance cease on account of this transaction?—Our acquaintance ceased, certainly, from some things which I did not altogether like.

Did you think that she had kept back from you any part of the money she ought to have given you?—No, I did not think that.

What were the circumstances, connected with this transaction, that led to your acquaintance ceasing with Mrs. Morrison?—I did not much like Mrs. Morrison, and I wished to drop her acquaintance.

Are you sure that you never made any application to her for a further sum of money?—Certainly not.

Or other valuable consideration?—I am very certain of that.

Did she ever threaten you, that she would inform Mr. Robert Thornton of this transaction?—I do not recollect that she did: she never did.

Are you positive of that?—I think I am positive of it; Mrs. Dawson threatened it, I understood, through Mrs. Morrison.

At what time did Mrs. Morrison inform you of that?—Within these few months; I cannot state the exact time.

Did she inform you by letter?—She did; I have not seen her.

Have you that letter in your possession?—I am not certain that I have it; I have it not here.

Do you know what is become of that letter?—It may be destroyed, probably.

Do you know that it is destroyed?—I rather think it is.

What answer did you return to that letter?—I do not recollect whether I answered it or not at that moment.

When did you last see Mrs. Dawson?—I believe it was early in the last Summer; I by accident met her; I did not see her in any house.

Has your acquaintance with Mrs. Dawson continued?—No.

On what account did that acquaintance drop?—Mrs. Dawson did not behave very handsomely to me, I thought.

Was it in respect of this transaction?—I recollect, in consequence of Mrs. Morrison informing me, Mrs. Dawson had threatened to let Mr. Robert Thornton know of this transaction, I felt myself excessively hurt, and determined never to visit her more.

Had you any explanation with Mrs. Dawson about this?—No.

Did you never write to her, to know whether the information Mrs. Morrison communicated to you was true?—I really cannot exactly recollect; it is possible I might have written to her immediately after hearing it.

Did you, or did you not, write to her?—I cannot exactly recollect; I certainly might; I rather think I did not; but I cannot be positive.

What was the reason Mrs. Morrison gave you, in that letter, for Mrs. Dawson's intending to communicate what had been done in this transaction to Mr. Robert Thornton?—I do not recollect any particular reason that she gave.

Was no reason stated in the letter?—Mrs. Morrison informed me, she had met Mrs. Dawson on some occasion; whether some investigation was going forward, I do not know, but they had had there a great altercation.

Was that stated in the letter?—It was stated in the letter.

What was the sequel of the letter?—That Mrs. Dawson had spoken unhandsonely of me, in the presence of several persons; and that she threatened to inform Mr. Thornton of the transaction.

Did Mrs. Morrison write to communicate this to you, as a friend?—She did; she communicated it to me by letter.

Was this after you had ceased to visit her?—It was.

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H. Spinluff.*

Did she desire you to make any payment in money, or was any expectation of that sort held out, in consequence of this conversation with Mrs. Dawson?—I really cannot recollect the exact purport of the letter.

Was it out of friendship that she wrote this letter, communicating what she had heard from Mrs. Dawson?—I believe she professed something of that kind.

Did she profess, that it would be better for you to pay any money than to have this affair made public, or any thing of that sort?—No.

Do you conceive it to be a letter arising from affection and old habits of acquaintance, or from what other motives?—I could not attribute it to any particular regard.

Have you had any explanation with Mrs. Dawson upon this subject?—No.

Have you not known Mrs. Dawson much longer than you have known Mrs. Morrison?—Much longer.

Had you not parted from Mrs. Morrison, and left off her acquaintance, with some degree of ill humour on each part?—We had not been very long acquainted; and I did not feel much hurt at the acquaintance being entirely broken off.

What reason had you to give credit to a letter from such a person, that represented an old friend and acquaintance of your's as taking such an unkind part, in regard to you?—Some things Mrs. Dawson had previously said to me, in the presence of my own sister.

Was what she said, in the presence of your own sister, in relation to this transaction?—No, not with reference to that.

Did you make any other application to Mr. Robert Thornton, for an appointment?—I believe I did; I certainly did.

Was it for yourself, or through Mr. Corfellis?—I believe it might be, afterwards, through myself; but I rather think it was through Mr. Corfellis; he said he had nothing of the kind to give away.

Have you obtained any other appointment from him?—No, not any.

Have you obtained any other appointment to the East Indies, through any other means?—No, I have not.

Are you sure of that?—I certainly have not.

Did you ever see Mr. Hewitt, in this transaction with Mrs. Morrison?—I do not recollect him at all.

Were you acquainted with Mr. Maw before you knew Mrs. Morrison?—No, certainly not.

Then you must have made this application to Mr. Thornton for some other person, and not for Mr. Maw, had you made the application to Mr. Thornton before you were acquainted with Mrs. Morrison?—There was certainly a person for whom I interested myself, not knowing exactly the age that was necessary for taking that situation?

Had you any conversation with Mr. Morrison at any time, Mrs. Morrison not being present?—Oh dear! no.

ROBERT THORNTON, Esquire.

State what you recollect of the transaction, as to a Cadetship given to Mr. Corfellis?—This person I have continually met at Mr. Corfellis's house, and her sister too, and Mr. Corfellis had in general terms spoken to me, wishing to recommend them, to the best of my recollection; for it is a little difficult to recollect any circumstances three years back, relating to a Cadetship, giving away eight, ten, twelve, or fifteen a year. To the best of my recollection, this lady wrote to me, and represented that Mr. Corfellis was decidedly her friend; and that she applied directly to me, but wished to refer me to Mr. Corfellis; he had, on a former occasion, mentioned it to me;

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me; I considered her application not to be sufficient, and not knowing enough about her family, though I knew of her being in Mr. Corfellis's family, and of her great friendship to my cause at Colchester, yet I thought I ought to inquire of Mr. Corfellis, who was most decidedly her friend; and to whom she had been known all her life; and I did make an application to Mr. Corfellis, to know about her, to which I got an answer extremely favourable to her; and that it would be a great kindness if I could be of service to her. The thing applied for was a Cadetship; I do recollect that at the time Miss Spinluff said, that she was under some mistake about the age, but she was equally obliged to me; I gave it to her, and the person was sent to me, who was represented to be a near connection of hers for whom it was asked, who was Mr. Dawson; he described himself to be Mr. Dawson. It was asked for Mr. Maw, that was the name given to me in the first instance; but Mr. Maw being a young man, it was not likely I should give a card without seeing and knowing some more respectable person; and a gentleman came to me, who said he was Mr. Maw's near relation, and that he had come in consequence of a promise I had made; in this way, and to the best of my recollection, I had two interviews; I perfectly recollect one, at the India House, when I gave the card; and, to the best of my recollection, I put this relation's name upon the card, in order to trace it; and I wrote word that I was happy in having been able to give this. I do recollect that, some time afterwards, there was another application made to me, from this lady, saying that the circumstance of age had been some disappointment; I thought that was rather too intruding, after I had done one favour; and it was my instant determination not to give her any thing more; I believe I received two applications, I remember answering one; whether I answered both or only one, I cannot tell; and from that time till this, I never heard any thing till the Chairman mentioned to me, that this had been sold. I immediately recollected where this lady lived, in different places she was always received among my friends in the most respectable manner; but the only thing that gave me a prejudice was, the second application; I recollected having had a letter dated from her, from Acton; but I did not know whether she was still there, for I had not heard her name mentioned for a year or fifteen months; I inquired however, and I found she had been residing there.

Had you any previous acquaintance with Mr. Dawson?—No, I had not; he came to me as a relation of this lady, and a relation of the young man; I never saw Mr. Dawson before that, but his name was mentioned to me, to the best of my recollection, in the first instance. I rather believe I took Mr. Dawson, at that time, to be a relation or connection of hers, to whom I thought this lady was going to be married; I thought it indelicate to inquire a great deal, for I thought this lady was going to be married to this gentleman. Something was said about the age not suiting; I thought he wanted to go out to India, himself; and that after that, when the age was found not to suit, a very near relation, I think a nephew of his, who was Mr. Maw, was to go out.

Was any change of name at any time mentioned to you?—No, it was never asked in any other name; but that it was asked in the name of Mr. Maw in the first instance I know; I recollect going to call upon this Mr. Dawson; they described him to be acquainted with Mr. Wilson, who was a member of this House, and to whom this lady was known. I remember his name being mentioned; he lives at Ipswich. I knew Mr. Wilson to be in connection with all this lady's friends, and doing law business for them. I remember desiring to go to Mr. Dawson's house, and I called somewhere; I do not recollect precisely where the house was.

Do you know Mrs. Morrison?—I never saw her, nor heard of her name, nor any one circumstance about Mrs. Morrison, till this matter was mentioned to me by the Chairman; nor had I the remotest suspicion that there was any thing of money passing, or that this person could be guilty of such a transaction. It was at the request of the Reverend Mr. Corfellis, a Clergyman and Magistrate at Colchester, that I gave this. I had seen Miss Spinluff at my very first election, twenty-five years ago, wearing my colours, and giving me every assistance in her power. Mr. Dawson, when I saw him, used Mr. Wilson's name, and the name of Mr. Broadhead, and other names with which I was well acquainted.

CAPTAIN THOMAS COGHLAN.

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T. Coghlan.*

In what line of business are you?—I am an agent at present.

What sort of agency?—For exchange of commissions; private agent for officers in the army.

Do you do any other business in buying or selling any offices of any kind?—No, I never did; there have been applications made to me for such things; for the purchase of places under Government; but I never purchased or sold one.

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Were you ever concerned in any transaction relative to the purchase or sale of any East India Patronage?—I was some time ago applied to by my tailor, in favour of Mr. Macartey, to get him a Cadetship for his son, and as I had been formerly in the Company's service, I might have perhaps done it; but I did not; and having made application to a person of the name of Robins, an attorney, who I understood could procure it, this gentleman afterwards did not come forward; and Mr. Robins told me I was accountable to him for the loss of that Patronage. I told him, the only way I could indemnify him, was putting the business in the papers; and in consequence of that a gentleman of the name of Lloyd came to me, and he declined it.

Where does Robins live?—He lived at that time in Bartlett's-buildings, Holborn.

When did you see him last?—Not for a twelvemonth past.

Have you not seen him since?—No. It was through Mr. Tyndale, who had been an officer with me, that I knew any thing of Mr. Robins.

Have you ever had any negotiation with regard to Writerships?—No, none in the world. There was a gentleman of the name of Morfue mentioned to me, some years ago, that he had such a thing to dispose of, but he really had not; he stated that if I had any friend to recommend, he could do it for me; but that did not take place.

Have you not had any negotiation with regard to a Writership later than that?—No; I do not recollect any one being promised by me; in fact, I have had nothing to do with East India appointments; my business is private agency for officers in exchange of commissions.

Have you represented yourself to any other person, as having had Writerships or other appointments to India at your disposal?—There was a partner I had, Mr. Matthews, who had some Patronage in the Company's service; but I do not know how far that extended. He went away in an extraordinary manner; he had been an officer with me in India, and he proposed our joining in partnership, as our connections were very extensive, and he has told several persons coming to my office that he had such things; but I know nothing of that.

How long ago did he leave you?—March last; near a twelvemonth ago; I have met him since in the street once. He was over head and ears in debt when he came to me; but he never told me that at the time. He met me in a very shocking situation, and told me a friend had given him a nomination of a Cadet to India; and there was a gentleman called upon me, of the name of Davis, to whom I mentioned it; but nothing more was done.

Did Davis buy that Cadetship?—I do not know; I never had money lodged, nor any negotiation for Patronage under the East India Company; I did think myself bound in honour to Robins, who had lost his Patronage, to advertise it, and I had two applications; and when they came, Mr. Lloyd called in his room, and I told Mr. Lloyd who the gentlemen were; but they never did come forward.

What became of that appointment of Robins's?—I really do not know; I do not know a single Director, nor any gentleman about the East India House.

To whom was this appointment of Matthews's sold?—I really do not know to whom he sold it; but he wrote me word that he had sold it.

Did he tell you in whose nomination it was?—No.

How long ago is this?—I dare say five or six months.

It was since he left you?—Yes, I met him in a very deplorable situation in the street; he appeared to be in great distress; whoever his Patron was, he told me he did not know that he knew any thing at all about it.

What is his christian name?—John Matthews.

Do you not know where to find him?—No; I wish I did, for he is in debt to me.

Is he in the Fleet?—Not that I know of.

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Have you enquired there?—No, I have not.

Do you know Pollmann and Keylock?—I do.

Have you had any transactions with them?—I have told them of several exchanges of commissions I had of Ensigns and so on, and I do not know but I might mention this Cadetship to them; I know that they mentioned that they had one themselves.

Did you ever mention to them a Searchership in the Customs?—No, I never did; I never had such an appointment.

Did you ever mention that you had a Land Waiter's place to dispose of?—No, I did not, they mentioned such a thing to me; there was a gentleman called at my office and left a memorandum, to say, there was a place in the West Indies to dispose of, which could not be a Searchership I suppose; I believe some place at Savannah Le Mar; there were different persons called at my office about that thing.

Did you employ Pollmann and Keylock as agents, or were you in any partnership?—No, they wrote me a letter stating that they were medical and clerical agents, and that some friends of mine might want their assistance; I did not know who they were, but I went to Threadneedle-street and found their office; I told them my business was confined to military exchanges, but that several applications had been made to me for different things, and I told them of this application.

Did you direct them to make any entries in their books, of appointments, of which you gave them the particulars?—I gave them the particulars of several exchanges; and I mentioned to them that there were several Commissions to be sold in the Army. There was a gentleman that applied to me of the 24th Regiment, to sell a Commission for him; I told him I could not do that, it was out of my line, and he advertised it; and I had several applications. This gentleman sold his Commission, I understood.

Your Agency Office was for Military Commissions?—For exchanges only; in a situation of this kind there are numerous things offered.

Did you employ Pollmann and Keylock to advertise, or to enter in their books some of these appointments for you?—They entered them, I dare say, in their books, but I did not employ them to advertise, or any thing of the kind; but they made entries of every thing, I fancy.

Did you direct them to make entries of two Writerships about the month of May last?—Never in the world.

Are you convinced of that?—It is impossible; I found these men not to be the persons that they represented themselves to be, and I have had no connection with them for a considerable time.

Had you any connection with them about November last?—Yes; I think I had at that time.

Did you authorize them to make entries in their books of two Writerships, and to refer to you for particulars?—Never; I am convinced I did not.

Look over that paper, and see which of those appointments you have directed them to enter in their books on your account?—There is only one that I can recollect, which is the Savannah Le Mar. As to the Writerships I could not have any thing to do with them, it is out of my line completely; if any gentleman had come to my office about a thing of that kind, I should have referred him to some other person.

About how many appointments did you authorize them to enter under your name?—There was that Assistant Commissary at Savannah La Mar came to me in a very extraordinary manner, and I do not know who the gentleman is who brought it.

Do you think you ever authorized them to insert as many as eighteen appointments with reference to you?—No, of course if there are references to me, they will tell who the person was who was referred to; I gave them no list in my life that I recollect; I called at their office in consequence of a letter they wrote me, which letter I have got, and, I believe, I did mention the Assistant Commissary; but as to East India Patronage I never had any thing to do with it, nor a shilling lodged; the only transaction was that respecting my tailor, which was not effected.

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Are you acquainted with Mr. Davis?—No; he calls upon me sometimes.

Do you know whether he bought that appointment of Matthews?—I cannot say; Mr. Matthews wrote me a line to beg I would not trouble myself about it, for that he had fold it.

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Did he say that he had fold it to Davis?—No, he did not.

Did you not say, that if any person had called upon you on the subject of Writerships, you would have referred them to somebody?—Yes.

To whom should you have referred them?—I should have referred them to Pollmann and Keylock, understanding that they had these things to dispose of.

Where does Mr. Davis live?—In Northumberland-street.

Did you know Pollmann and Keylock before you received that letter?—No, the letter paid me a vast number of compliments which I did not merit, and that they had heard so good an account of me that they should be glad to do business for me; it was in consequence of that letter that I called at their office; I found Pollmann was very communicative; I gave him as much good advice as I could; I found he was about the sale of Commissions, and I told him it was against the Duke of York's regulations and the Act of Parliament.

Have you not given them a list of appointments?—No, I mentioned that respecting Savannah La Mar in consequence of a person calling at my office, and I left them the letter I had received from this man.

Where is your office?—In Villiers-street; it was in Buckingham-street; I left in consequence of a gentleman purchasing the chambers; any communication that Pollmann and Keylock got from me might be in a general communication.

Did you in a conversation with them, say any thing about Writerships?—No, I am perfectly satisfied I could not; because it was a thing I never had any thing to do with, I know no Director; I know some Proprietors, but no person having the disposal of patronage.

JOHN MANSHIP, Esquire.

Do you recollect giving an appointment of a Cadet to a Mrs. Welch or Walsh?—Yes, Mrs. Welch, my landlady, it was.

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How many years ago was that?—Upon my word, I am not able to say; they have quitted the house ten years for aught I know, but I do not exactly know.

Who was the young man nominated under that appointment?—Upon my word I am not able to say; it was Mr. Welch I gave it to.

Where did she live?—He and she were my landlord and landlady; I lodge there now.

In what street?—It is in Lamb's Conduit-street.

Do you think it is so long ago as eight or ten years?—I am not able to say; I rather think it was so long, but I cannot be sure.

Are you a Director now?—No, I am out by rotation.

How long have you been out?—Only last year; I am one of what is called the Six ex.

For whom did Mr. Welch ask for this nomination?—For himself: I understood it was for himself he asked it; he was not upon such terms with me as to come up and tell me all things: but he came up and said, I have a great favour to ask you, can you give me a Cadetcy for this year or next year, but I am not able to say which, not knowing what I should be interrogated upon.

To whom did he propose to give it?—He said it was for a particular friend; but I have a person at home that has lived with me twenty-four years a housekeeper, that can tell me, I believe, all the particulars.

Did you give him this for the purpose of disposing of it, or doing what he pleased with it?—O dear, no; I told him I would do it to oblige him, but by no means to dispose

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dispose of it; I should have quitted his house if I had known of such a thing, but I rather believe he did not: but there is a circumstance which occurs to me now, which makes me think it possible he might want to dispose of it, for he quitted the house about ten years ago, to the best of my knowledge, and he became a bankrupt.

Was it previous to his becoming a bankrupt that you gave him this nomination?—Yes, I think so, but I am not able to say; but the whole particulars I can communicate to the Committee when I have enquired; I am confident I had this young man before me before I signed the card, and told him to whom he was obliged; that he was not obliged to me. I did not at all think about his parting with it; on the contrary, he would have incurred my displeasure very much if I had thought he asked it for that; for most probably I told him, and I dare say I did, you know you must not dispose of this; this is to oblige your friend, and as such I give it to you.

Had you any suspicion of any money transaction between the young man and Welch?—None in the world, any more than I have of my dying day.

Do you recollect seeing the young man at the India House?—No, I do not recollect that; our method is to give them the card, and they carry the card to the proper clerk, and that clerk introduces them to the Committee.

Do you remember stating, in the presence of the young man, that no money whatever was to pass, or no consideration to be given to Welch?—No, I seldom accustom myself to do these things, because there is a printed paper; but I fancy that printed paper has come out since; but still there was a printed paper, but not so strong; but I most probably must have given to Welch or his wife, or to the young man, a caution against money matters.

Do you recollect a person of the name of Shee being present with this young man?—Never; if Shee had come into my house, I would have ordered a constable and took him away, because I knew his character; but he might be there, and I not know him.

Do you know the younger Shee?—No, neither one nor the other.

Could any such conversation as this have passed in your presence without your recollecting it: that if any money passed between them, you were to know nothing about it?—O dear, no; if I had known that, I should never have sent for Mr. Welch up to take a glass of wine with me after that.

Did you ever give any other Cadetship than this to Mr. or Mrs. Welch?—I think to the best of my recollection, I did give one; but I gave a Writership to him a good many years ago, and the poor young man died.

Was not the transaction you mention, ten years ago; and was not this Cadetship later?—I think to the best of my recollection, the Cadetship was later; the Writership was twenty-five years ago, or thirty years ago.

Have you not given later than ten years ago, within these three years, a Cadetship to Mrs. Welch, since Welch became a bankrupt?—I do not think I have; I do not think I ever gave them but one, but that I am not perfectly sure of, for when they came to misfortunes I pitied them, and was instrumental in getting him the place which he has.

Have you any memorandum which will shew you distinctly whether you have given them more than one?—No, I certainly have not, but I can have it from Mr. Welch exactly what it is has passed between us, and what I have given him; but if my memory does not fail me, I have given him two Cadetships, but only one Writership; that was for his son.

Was it out of charity you were induced to give him a Cadetship?—Surely, when I call it charity, I call it an act of charity when a man that takes a house and lets lodgings, for now and then; I would send for him up, and ask him whether he would drink a glass of wine; but I never asked him to sit down.

Did you understand it was for one of his relations when you gave him this Cadetship?—I did not understand it was for a relation, I understood it was for an intimate friend; if I had known what the business was, I would have learnt the whole particulars; but I think it must be later than ten years.

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Are you quite certain you never said when the boy was brought to you, if any money passes I am not to know it?—O, I am perfectly sure of that, because that would be tantamount to saying, go and sell it; to be sure I could not be so ignorant of common sense as to say that to him.

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Sir WILLIAM FRASER, Bart.

What do you know respecting the nomination of George Boys?—That was my ear; I see that it is not only my patronage, but that I inserted the name of George Boys myself. I see the certificate is from a place in Sussex, that led my mind to my connexion with Sussex; and on going home to my counting-house, my young people told me it was through Captain Nairn (Faslam Nairn, esquire); the certificate says he is a son of a person at Ashcombe; he passed the 26th of March 1806, and Boys father certified his being his son, so that I was satisfied of every thing being correct. Captain Nairn is a very old friend of mine, and I always have felt desirous of obliging him; Ashcombe is in the neighbourhood of Captain Nairn's house, which is Barnet-place near East Grinstead; I feel no doubt that I gave it to Captain Nairn without further enquiry, being perfectly satisfied from his representation that every thing was correct: the moment I heard of the enquiry respecting this Cadetcy, I sent my clerk to his town-house in Bury-street Saint James's; and the answer was, that he was confined at Barnet-place, and I wrote to him immediately

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Mr. ROBERT SHARMAN.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Shee?—I have known the elder Mr. Shee these seven or eight and twenty years; I have had no intercourse directly nor indirectly with the younger Shee these eight or ten years, the other I have known all my life-time.

Mr. Sharman.

What transactions have you had with the elder Shee relating to East India Patronage?—I never had any transaction directly nor indirectly with him respecting East India Patronage, but only have heard him say what he has done; he was in prison five or six years within the rules of the Fleet. I was so intimate with him that I used to meet him at a house on Ludgate-hill, and there he used to converse upon these subjects, indeed he was an enthusiast upon the subject. I used to tell him he was very wrong to talk of these things there; he said there was a gentleman of the name of Lloyd, a domestic Chaplain of the Duke of Clarence, who had done a great many of these things, that six or eight months ago he had sold a Writership for three thousand pounds; it made no impression upon me at the time, not expecting to be called upon to state it. His son in law, Mr. Brown, is very much in that way too, I never saw him but accidentally once or twice in the rules of the Fleet; he begged me once or twice to go to Lady Lum, to see whether she could get Cadetships for him; she wanted two hundred guineas and he offered only one hundred and fifty, and indeed I did not press her, because I was afraid the money would not be forthcoming.

What particular transactions have you heard Mr. Shee relate?—The only one I can particularly recollect is that of the Reverend Mr. Lloyd; I remember taking a letter from him to Mr. Lloyd, at the Duke of Clarence's apartments in Saint James's; in short, he had situations in almost every department.

Do you recollect how many years ago that transaction of Mr. Lloyd's was?—That was within a year, about six or eight months ago.

To whom did he sell it?—I do not know; Mr. Lloyd, I understood from Mr. Shee, put £500. into his pocket from the sale of the Writership, but who it was sold to I do not know: if he told me I forget it.

Do you know in whose nomination that Writership was?—No, I do not; I have no recollection of it, if he told me.

Who is Mr. Lloyd?—One of the domestic Chaplains of the Duke of Clarence.

Did you ever see him in company with the elder Shee?—I never saw them together in my life.

Where does he live?—I left the letter at the Duke of Clarence's apartments at Saint James's; but I believe he is domestic Chaplain, and is generally at Bushy Park.

Do you know his Christian name?—No, I do not.

Mr. Sharman.

Did Shee ever tell you what he got for his part in that transaction?—No, he did not; the son got 300 guineas for a Lieutenant of Cavalry in the East-India Company's service; he sold it for 600 guineas, and gave the gentleman 300 hundred for it.

Can you recollect in what month the transaction relating to the Writership happened?—No, I cannot.

Are you positive whether it happened in the course of the last year, 1808?—I have not a shadow of a doubt about that.

Where were you at that time?—I was living in Belvidere-place, Borough-road; but I used to go to a house called the Dolphin, on Ludgate-hill, where Mr. Shee used to go, as we were very old acquaintances.

Was it previous to August last?—Yes, it was.

Was it two or three months previous to that?—I cannot say, but I have no doubt it was in the course of the last year.

Recollect as nearly as you can at what time the transaction relating to the Lieutenantcy of Cavalry was?—That was I think since that, there was no guile between Shee and myself.

Was this transaction relating to the Lieutenantcy previous to August last?—It must have been, for I have been in prison ever since August.

In the course of the last year?—I have no doubt of that.

Was it from the elder Shee you heard of this transaction?—From the elder; I have not spoken to the younger Shee for several years.

Can you recollect the name of the person who was sent out to take possession of this Lieutenantcy?—I do not recollect it at all; I heard it at the time.

Have you any means of finding out what the name was?—No.

Have you no memorandum?—No, I have none.

Had Mr. Lloyd any part in the transaction of the Lieutenantcy?—I do not recollect that he had.

Did you receive any benefit from the sale of either of these?—I never received a halfpenny in the course of my life, nor had any thing to do with it; it was indeed with Lady Lum. Old Mr. Shee asked me, whether I could get two Cadetcies; I applied to her, and she said she could get them, but she would have 200 guineas for each, and he would not give more than one hundred and fifty; she is since dead; I know that if any thing occurred that Lady Lum could not get the money, I should get into some difficulty about it, and therefore I did not press it.

Was her Ladyship in the habit of getting Cadetcies?—I do not know; I applied in consequence of his request, and she gave me that answer.

Do you know Sir Nicholas Nugent?—I do.

When did you see him last?—I have not spoken to Sir Nicholas Nugent perhaps eight or ten years; but the last time I saw him was in the Dolphin with Mr. Shee.

Do you know where he is now?—No, I do not. When I saw him and Mr. Shee together, there was some transaction between them, and some writing.

How long ago was that?—Two or three years ago.

Had you ever any transaction relating to East-India Patronage with Sir Nicholas Nugent?—No, I never had.

Did you ever hear Sir Nicholas Nugent say any thing respecting East-India appointments?—No.

Was any other person present when old Shee talked to you about this Writership?—I cannot recollect any person.

Was it in the Coffee-house?—What is called the parlour of the public-house; it is a very private place retired from the street.

Do you know Mr. Kennedy?—I know a Mr. Kennedy, an Irishman; I do not know whether it is the same you inquire about.

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Have you ever had any conversation with him respecting East-India appointments? *Mr. Sharman.*
—I do not recollect any.

Is he a friend of Mr. Shee's?—Yes, he is, from Cork; Mr. Shee told him, that if he would do some matters for him in the public prints in Ireland, he would pay him for it, and that would be for the benefit of both of them.

Did you ever hear him speak of any particular transactions he had had with Kennedy? Never to my recollection.

When did you see Kennedy last in Mr. Shee's company?—I was arrested the 25th of August; I was sent to prison, and liberated from that the 12th of November; I should rather think it was between November and Hilary Term; Kennedy is an attorney, and comes over here in the vacations.

Are you sure you have never heard any conversation of the kind mentioned between Shee, and Kennedy?—I cannot recollect any, save, that if he would put some advertisements in the papers for him in Ireland, it would be for their mutual benefit.

Can you recollect any conversation that you at any time had with the elder Shee, relating to East India transactions, except those you have stated to the Committee?—He has said so much to me about East India appointments, that I cannot state it all; he has said, that every Direction was worth six thousand a year, and that he could prove it any day; but I always thought he was very extravagant in his way of talking about it, but so he has said repeatedly: I used to hear him say, though the East India Directors do not get the money, their Attornies do.

Do you recollect any particular conversation relating to the disposal of Patronage, which has passed in your presence?—No, I do not recollect any. Upon recollection, I have an idea that that letter to Mr. Lloyd was about the Lieutenancy, for the son of Mr. Shee sold the Lieutenancy, and the father was angry, and wrote to Mr. Lloyd about it.

Do you know to whom the Lieutenancy was sold?—No, I do not; the answer I think, was, that Mr. Lloyd did not think there was any difference whether he or the son sold it. I understood Mr. Lloyd gained something by it.

Do you know a person of the name of Barrington?—No, I do not.

Do you know Mr. Robins, an attorney?—No, I do not.

Mr. THOMAS WATSON.

Have you ever advertised in the newspaper the sale of any Patronage under the East India Company?—Cadetships I have. *Mr. Watson.*

Have you ever advertised any Writership for sale?—Yes.

State what particular Cadetship or Writership you have advertised for sale, and the time of those advertisements, as far as you can recollect?—It is some time ago.

Begin by stating the last.—The last Writership might be about six months ago.

In whose gift was that Writership?—Upon my word I cannot say.

Who authorized you to advertise it?—No person authorized me; but I know several persons who have said they had such things, as they found I could negotiate a thing of this kind when they could not.

Did you advertise this Writership to be bought or sold?—To be sold.

Did you advertise a Writership to be sold, without having any knowledge of such a Writership being likely to come into your possession?—From what the parties told me.

What parties told you any thing about this Writership?—There is Mr. Shee.

What did he say about that?—That he had a Writership to dispose of, if I could find any person who wanted one.

The elder Shee?—Yes, I never did any thing with the other.

Mr. Watson.

Do you know why he employed you upon this occasion, as he kept an office of the same sort himself?—No; I do not know any other reason than that perhaps my situation was more respectable than his, being in the city; but I never did negotiate one of them.

Did he tell you through whose means he was to obtain this Writership?—No.

Did you make no enquiries about it?—No, for I could not find any person who wanted such a thing.

Was any application made to you in consequence of that advertisement?—Yes, there were applications made.

What was done in consequence of those applications?—Nothing at all; we could not agree about the terms.

What did Mr. Shee ask?—I believe he asked 3,500 guineas for Bengal.

What sum was offered?—Upon my word I cannot exactly recollect, I believe about 3,000.

Did you communicate this proposal to Mr. Shee?—I cannot exactly say whether I did; but I have no doubt I did.

Have you any reason to think he had this Writership at his disposal at that time?—He has told me he had negotiated several Writerships and Cadetships, and from his word I have no reason to doubt it.

Did he tell you whether he had afterwards sold it himself?—No, he did not.

Did you never ask him?—No, I did not trouble myself much about it.

What other Writership have you been concerned in endeavouring to negotiate?—I have heard persons say they had Writerships in the same kind of way, but I never negotiated any of them.

What Cadetships have you ever negotiated?—I believe three or four.

State the last of those?—That was for Mr. Shee.

To whom was that sold?—To Mr. Anderson of the city.

Where does he live?—In Philpot-lane.

What is his Christian name?—I do not know; he was a banker and merchant; he is dead.

How long ago was that?—About a twelve month ago.

Was it in 1807 or 1808?—1808.

Who was the person sent out?—I really do not know the gentleman's name.

What money was paid?—Two hundred and fifty guineas.

By whom was that paid?—By Mr. Anderson.

Who received it?—I received it.

What part did you retain for your own use?—I cannot exactly say, for there was another party concerned in that besides Mr. Shee. I really forget what I paid to Mr. Shee.

Who was the other party?—Mr. Etches.

Did you pay any money to Mr. Etches?—Yes.

How much?—I cannot say how much, but the money was divided in that kind of way.

Were you employed by Mr. Etches?—No, I was employed by Mr. Shee.

Why did Shee employ you, he being in the same line of business himself?—Because it frequently happens, that one person can negotiate when another person cannot.

Do you know Mr. Pasmore?—No, I do not.

Did you see Mr. Collett in this transaction?—No,

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Did you see Mr. Chaplin on this occasion?—No, I did not.

In whose gift was this?—I think Mr. Dundas's; it was either Lord Castlereagh's or Mr. Dundas's, but I think Mr. Dundas's. I had it from the Treasury, I waited there till he got the card.

Mr. Watson.

Who gave you the card?—Etches himself.

Is not Etches under confinement?—I do not know. I have not seen him a good while.

Are you sure this happened in the course of the year 1808?—Yes, I am perfectly sure of it; I could tell precisely by referring to my books.

Would your books furnish you with the name of the young man sent out?—No, I have not got that.

Who was present when the 250 guineas was paid?—Nobody.

Was it paid in draft or cash?—I think in bank notes.

Where was it paid?—I forget whether it was paid at Mr. Anderson's house.

In what shares was it divided?—I cannot recollect the proportion.

Did you carry a proportion of it to Mr. Etches?—Yes, I know he had a portion of it.

Where was he at that time?—I think he was waiting at Shee's.

Is this all you recollect relating to this particular transaction?—I do not recollect any more. I understood this was given to Mr. Etches as a compliment for the services he had rendered to government.

Did you hear him say he had had another appointment?—No, I do not.

State the next Cadetship before that, that you had been concerned in negotiating?—Mr. Anderson had two of me; but I really do not recollect who I had the other from which he had of me; I rather think I had it from Lady Leigh.

Where does she live?—In Baker-street.

What number?—Number 1.

How long ago was that?—That was in the course of the last year, about the same time.

To whom was that given?—To some friend of Anderson's.

Do you know in whose nomination it was?—No, I do not, I never saw the card.

Did you see the young man who was nominated?—No, I did not.

Did you receive the money from Anderson?—Yes, I did.

Was any person present when you received it?—No.

Was it paid in a draft?—In bank notes, I think.

What sum was paid?—Two hundred and fifty guineas.

What part did you pay to Lady Leigh?—I think one hundred and seventy or one hundred and eighty pounds; perhaps two hundred.

Have you any memorandum at home?—No, I do not think that I have; I keep no account of these kind of things.

Are you sure you paid a part of the money to Lady Leigh?—Yes.

Did she tell you from whom she procured it?—No.

Are you certain of that?—Yes, quite certain.

Was any person present when you paid her part of the money?—No.

Is that the widow of Sir Egerton Leigh?—Yes.

State the other transaction you negotiated?—The other I had of Lady Lum: had one of Lady Lum, but who I sold that to, I really do not know; that was the first I ever had.

Mr. Watson.

How long ago was that?—Two years ago.

Do you know to whom that was given?—No.

Do you know who paid for it?—No, I do not know that.

Have you any memorandum that will refresh your memory upon that?—No, I have none.

What sum was received for that appointment?—I think £.220. was received for that.

What part did you pay to Lady Lum?—I think £.200.

Was any person present?—No, no person at all.

Was any person present at any part of the negotiation that could lead the Committee to find out who the parties were?—No.

Who was the Director?—I do not know.

Did you see the card?—No.

Did you see the young man?—The young man was sent there, and received the card from her ladyship.

Did you give him a note?—Yes.

To whom?—To Lady Lum, and she gave him the card.

Who sent the young man to you?—I do not recollect, I think it was through an advertisement.

Did he pay you the money?—A friend of his, I think, did.

Who was that friend?—I think it was Mr. Locke.

Where does he live?—In Bow Church-yard.

What is he?—A wholesale linen-draper?

Are you sure he came to you with the young man?—Either he or some person from him, I cannot recollect which. I recollect now, it was negotiated through Mr. Locke, a clergyman of Farnham, and Mr. Locke's brother in Bow Church-yard, or Tahourdin of Argyle-street. I am not certain whether he, or Tahourdin in Argyle-street, paid me the money.

Endeavour to recollect who paid the money?—I think it was Mr. Tahourdin, but I will not be certain which it was.

Does this bring to your mind who the young gentleman was who carried the note to Lady Lum?—I cannot state that.

Do you recollect whether he had the same name as the gentleman in Bow Church-yard?—I cannot recollect.

In what year was this?—1807 or 1808.

Not longer ago than 1807?—No.

Are you certain Mr. Locke paid you the money?—I do not know whether Mr. Locke or Mr. Tahourdin paid it me.

Have you ever had any other transactions with Mr. Tahourdin of this kind?—Not any.

Did you ever see him upon any other business?—I have seen him; I know him by sight.

Did you go to his house upon this occasion, in Argyle-street?—I am pretty sure I did.

Was Mr. Tahourdin privy to this transaction?—I dare say he must know it.

Did you go to him with Mr. Locke?—No, I negotiated with Mr. Locke at Farnham; I was down at Lord Spencer Chichester's, and I called upon Mr. Locke at Farnham.

Lady Lum lived in Argyle-street?—Yes, she did.

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Do you think the money was paid at Mr. Tahourdin's house or office?—I cannot recollect whether it was paid by Mr. Tahourdin or Mr. Locke, but I think by Mr. Mr. Watson. Tahourdin, in his house.

Was it not paid in the presence of Mr. Locke?—No; if it was paid by Mr. Tahourdin, it was by himself.

Do you know of the appointment of Mr. Gray some years ago?—No, I did not.

About May 1806?—No, I do not recollect him; I know a person of the name of Gray applied to me, but there are more Grays than one.

Have you ever had any other transactions with the elder Shee relating to East-India Patronage?—No, I have not; he wished me to dispose of these things for him; he living in Cock-court, where his situation was not very respectable.

Do you know Mr. Kennedy, an Irishman?—No.

Have you ever had any other transactions with the Lockes?—No.

Have you ever had any other transaction with Lady Lum?—No.

Or Lady Leigh?—No.

Do you know Mr. Lloyd, a clergyman?—No.

Are those all the transactions in which you have ever been concerned, directly or indirectly, relating to East-India Patronage?—I have had applications from different persons to find out young men that wanted to go out, saying, that they could get appointments. I have been often applied to by different persons in that kind of way; whether they had the appointments, I cannot tell: but I believe it has been their practice, when they found a young man ready to go out, to apply to a Director to get the appointment.

Do you know whether those three persons got their appointments, and went out?—They all went out.

GEORGE WOODFORD THELLUSSON, Esquire.

Do you know any thing of Lady Lum's connection with any East-India Director? Mr. Thellusson.
—No, I do not.

When did Mr. Thellusson senior die?—My father died in 1797.

At his death, what power came into the hands of Mr. Woodford over his property? Every bit; he was trustee with the Reverend Mr. Archdeacon Woodford, my uncle, but he has not been active in the business; Mr. Woodford has had the whole management.

Had he the power, with fairness towards Lord Rendlesham's children, to make your property more convenient to you?—Certainly; it was in his power to give considerable accommodation to myself and my brother; he made him and myself receivers of the property adjoining our estates. Mr. Woodford having proposed to himself to go and live down at Butley, which is the estate adjoining to my brother's property, he sent game-keepers and persons down, and took it from my nephews; and I am now contending in the Court of Chancery, and hope to succeed in procuring from the Lord Chancellor the nomination of the receivership on behalf of my nephews, with Mr. Manning and Mr. Heywood, who, with myself, are the executors and trustees under my brother's will, as I would not wish to appear individually to take that for myself. Mr. Woodford certainly has assisted me with regard to purchasing round my estate in Hertfordshire, and has made me receiver of great part of the property round me.

How many of the Writerships were given him since he has accommodated you in the way you mention?—They were almost all given since that, I believe they were given in 1805. The Trustees are purchasing constantly round me and my brother, but with the sanction of the Master; they cannot purchase it without his sanction. We find an estate near the place, and we propose it, and the Master must admit of the purchase, there can be nothing done without his sanction; it must be a property from which there shall be such a fixed rental; the money never passes through my hands, but the estate is proposed at such a rental per annum, situated so and so, and the Sur-

Mr. Thellusson. veyors are obliged to make an affidavit that it is well worth the money: the general purchases made near me have produced a greater rental than they have been valued at; one estate which was purchased at public auction in Suffolk, adjoining my brother's property, which was to produce £. 900. a year, produces at present £. 1,900. a year.

HENRY SMITH, Esq.

Mr. H. Smith. Do you recollect a person of the name of Kinnard, who was a material witness in the prosecution of the elder Shee?—I do not recollect him by name, but I suppose the person referred to was the person who had deposited the money, and was defrauded; I recollect describing him as such, but I cannot say that I have the least recollection of his name.

Do you recollect what steps were taken with regard to that witness?—I cannot say I should have recollected, but that since it has been under enquiry, Mr. Davison of the India House has brought the matter under my recollection; I apprehend that the enquiry is, as to what was done as to detaining him as soon as he had told his story at the India-House; what the reason of the delay was I have no recollection whatever, but it must have been some months (till the September Sessions) before Shee was tried: whether Shee postponed the trial, or what was the reason of its pending so long, I have not the least recollection; he represented himself as a person without the means of subsistence. The Court of Directors were extremely anxious to trace out either who was the person whose patronage he was to buy, or to have it proved that it was a mere swindling transaction, and therefore to the best of my recollection he was instructed, when he made his representation to the Court of Directors, that it might be traced what Director's nomination he was to have, and when it was finally ascertained he could get no Director's nomination, it was then directed that Shee should be prosecuted for obtaining money under false pretences. He was detained I think a considerable time at the expence of the East India Company, and was sent backwards and forwards to Scotland for two reasons; first, I think, because it was calculated it was the cheapest way of keeping him, and that it kept him out of the way of mischief, and kept him out of the way of Shee, so that he should not tamper with him; I am not aware of any other circumstance that the question can apply to.

Were you aware that he was a material witness in the trial of that indictment?—I certainly was aware that he was not only a material witness, but an absolutely essential witness; that we could not do without him.

Did he appear as a witness on that trial?—Yes.

Are you sure of that?—I am very certain that he appeared as a witness, it would have been impossible to maintain the prosecution one moment without him; he was the only witness, except the Banker's clerks, who were necessary to trace the bill he had given which had been converted into money, so as to shew it had been actual money under the Act of Parliament, he had obtained; and I recollect Mr. Kinnard disgracing himself when he was examined, on being asked who had paid his expences from the time of his making the declaration to the East India Company, and it was I think full ten minutes or a quarter of an hour before it could be got out of him that the East India Company had paid his expences from the time of his giving information until the time of his appearing in the box; we were apprehensive that if Shee got access to this poor man, he would have given him his £. 100. or some composition for it, and he would have put the money into his pocket, and we should have heard no more of him.

Do you recollect a person of the name of Wright, who was to be a witness in that cause?—Not at all; it happens unfortunately, prosecutions of this sort I do not carry on myself, but, with the leave of the Company, employ a gentleman who knows the detail better than I do, giving directions as to the general conduct; it is Mr. Chetham whom I so employ. He has informed me he cannot find the papers any where, he thinks they were sent to me; I have searched and cannot find the papers any where, and I rather think that, upon some subsequent enquiry, they were sent to the India-House. I see by my own bill of costs, which is in a very short space, for my own personal interference in the cause, that three or four days before the cause came on for trial, Shee made an affidavit of the absence of a material witness, and that it was contested, and the trial was put off till the Saturday following.

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Was that material witness present when the trial came on?—I do not know whether he was, and this I state under an imperfect recollection, but a very strong impression on my mind, that through the means of Mr. Chetham, I sent to him before the trial came on, that I could not subpoena or pledge myself for the attendance of the whole thirty of the Court of Directors, but that if he would give me an intimation of any Director that he wished to appear to make out any authority for the giving this Cadetship, I would pledge myself for his attendance. I recollect both Mr. Rous and myself thought it our duty to be present, and the impression upon my mind is, that when the trial was on, Mr. Shee intimated that it was Colonel Toone's Cadetship that he had authority to sell; Colonel Toone was not in town, he was at his house beyond Epsom, so that there was no possibility of having him there, or I had before pledged myself that every Director he should want should attend. Mr. H. Smith.

Do you recollect the name of Wright, as being at all connected with this transaction?—I have a recollection that he made an affidavit of the absence of some person; the name of Wright does not at all occur to my mind; and the person, on account of the absence of whom he wished to postpone the trial, did not appear at the trial.

Do you know any thing of keeping away that witness, whoever he was?—Most indisputably not; I can venture to say, in the most distinct and positive way, that no witness whatever was kept out of the way; no such thing ever occurred to me in the whole course of my profession; and if there had been the most distant thought of it, it must have made an impression upon my mind that never could be effaced.

Do you recollect either Wright, or any other person, obtaining a Purser'ship under the Company, for his conduct in this cause?—I never heard of such a thing.

Did you ever see a pamphlet, that was written by old Shee, upon this subject?—I have no recollection of having seen such a pamphlet, but it is possible that I may; it is wholly gone from my mind if I ever did. Mr. Rous and myself agreed, that if Shee could lay any reasonable foundation for the belief of his being employed by any other person, we would immediately drop the prosecution, and consent to his being acquitted.

The Reverend THOMAS LLOYD.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Shee?—Yes, I have known him some years; we went to school together. Rev. T. Lloyd.

Do you recollect any transaction you had with him respecting a Lieutenantcy in India?—No, I know nothing about any Lieutenantcy in India.

Do you recollect any transaction with Mr. Shee relating to a Writership?—No, I cannot.

Had you any transaction with any other person relating to a Writership?—No, never; if you will mention the name of any other person I will endeavour to recollect, but I do not recollect any transaction respecting a Writership.

Have you not had any transaction, either with Mr. Shee or any other person, with relation to the appointment of a Writer?—No.

At no time?—I suppose it is meant to be asked, whether I got a Writership.

Had you any negotiation respecting a Writership with Mr. Shee, or any other person?—No.

Had you, at any time, any conversation with Mr. Shee about a Writership?—Upon my word I do not know; but I can tell you plainly, that I never had it in my power.

Had you ever any conversation with Mr. Shee relating to a Writership?—That I am sure I cannot tell; but I know I never had any with the intention or view of procuring one for him.

Did he ever procure one for any person for whom you were interested?—Not that I know of.

Did you ever receive any sum of money on account of any appointment of a Writer?—No, never.

Did you ever receive any valuable consideration of any kind whatever, with regard to the appointment of a Writer?—No, never.

Rev. T. Lloyd.

Did Mr. Shee ever write a letter to you respecting an appointment to a Writership?—I do not know that he ever did; I have no recollection of such a circumstance; it could be a matter of no consequence to me, if he did.

Are you in the habit of corresponding with Mr. Shee?—Now and then, by chance.

Do you, sometimes, receive letters from him?—I have.

Did you in the course of the last year, 1808, receive any letter from him relating to the appointment of a Writer?—I do not recollect that I did; I might or might not; he might have asked me for a Writership, but I do not know that I did.

When did you last see Mr. Shee?—I saw him very lately; last week.

Had you any conversation with him, at that time, relating to the inquiry before this Committee?—No, I do not recollect that I had: which Shee is meant?

The elder was your school-fellow?—Yes, he was.

When did you see him last?—Last week.

Had you any conversation with him respecting the Inquiry before this Committee?—Not that I recollect; nothing fixes itself in my memory.

Did he mention to you, that he had been examined before this Committee?—Yes, he did.

Did he say upon what particular subjects he had been examined here?—No, I do not know that he did.

What was the occasion of his coming to you?—I met him in a coffee-house.

Was your meeting accidental?—Quite so.

Was that the time when he told you he had been examined before this Committee?—Yes, I think it was.

Did he mention any particular appointment with regard to which he had given information here?—No.

Did he mention any particular appointment which he had not given information concerning to this Committee?—No.

Do you know why he introduced the subject to you of his having been examined here?—Upon my word I do not know why he did.

When did you see the younger Shee?—A long while ago.

Had you ever any negotiation with him respecting the appointment to a Writership?—No, never.

Are you positive that you never derived any pecuniary advantage from the appointment of any Writer?—I never did, upon my word.

Have you never derived any advantage from the appointment of a Cadet to India?—I believe I have.

To whom was it given?—The son of Admiral Christie.

How long ago was that?—I suppose two years ago.

Was that the year 1807 or 1806?—I think it is about two years ago; I suppose 1807.

In whose nomination was that Cadetship?—I do not know.

What did you receive for your part in that negotiation?—£. 150.

From whom did you receive it?—From Mr. Shee.

The elder Shee?—Yes.

Do you know from whom he received it?—I suppose from Christie.

Who gave you that Cadetship to dispose of?—The Duke of Clarence; I asked it of him for a son of Admiral Christie.

Do you know from whom the Duke received it?—I am not certain.

Did

Rev. T. Lloyd.

Did you never hear?—No; I never made any enquiry about it.

Did you see the card that Mr. Christie carried to the India House?—No.

Who gave him that card?—I do not know; I never saw young Christie in my life; I know his father.

Did Admiral Christie apply to you to procure this appointment?—No; if he had, I should have used my endeavour to get it for him without expence; but he applied to an agent.

Who applied to you to procure it?—Shee.

Was it in consequence of Shee's application that you requested the Duke of Clarence to procure this appointment?—Yes, it was.

Do you not know to whom the Duke applied?—Indeed, I am not positive.

Did you never hear him say?—I never heard him mention the thing afterwards.

Did the Duke ask you whether you were to derive any advantage from it?—No; the Duke, I believe, imagined that as Christie and I had been messmates, it was to give to him.

Did Shee make the bargain for it with Admiral Christie?—I know nothing about that part of the matter; Shee asked me, whether I could procure the appointment to a Cadetcy, and that it would be some advantage to me and to him; and when I had procured it, he gave me £.150.

Do you know what the whole sum was that was paid by Admiral Christie?—No, I do not.

Did the Admiral know it was procured through your means?—I believe not; I have not seen him since.

Do you know what Shee retained for himself?—I do not, upon my word.

What other Cadetship have you ever had any transaction with regard to?—Upon my word I do not remember any other; if you will mention particular names, that may refresh my memory.

Have you been frequently concerned in matters of this sort?—No, indeed.

Why then do you desire I should mention particular names to refresh your memory?—Some years ago, in Sir Lionel Darell's time, I had one.

Did you receive a Cadetcy from Sir Lionel Darell?—Yes, I did.

In what year?—I cannot say; I did not think there was any thing wrong when I did it.

To whom did you sell that?—Upon my life I do not know; I would not hesitate a moment if I did.

Endeavour to recollect.—I suppose Mr. Shee.

Was Sir Lionel Darell a friend of your's?—Yes; my connection with him was through the Duke of Clarence.

Did you employ Shee in selling that appointment?—I suppose he applied to me, I should imagine.

Recollect whether he did or not.—I think he did.

What sum of money did you receive for that?—I suppose one hundred and fifty, or two hundred pounds, or somewhere thereabouts.

Have you kept any account of money received on this account?—No; I have not, indeed.

Have you no memorandum with regard to the person appointed?—No, I have not, indeed.

Do you recollect where it was that you applied to Sir Lionel Darell?—I wrote to him, I believe.

Was

Rev. T. Lloyd. Was it in London, or when he was at Richmond?—I was frequently with Sir Lionel Darell, both at Richmond and in London.

How long before Sir Lionel Darell's death had you this appointment given you?—I suppose about a year.

Can you recollect to whom it was sold?—No, upon my honour I cannot.

Was the elder or the younger Shee employed as an agent in this transaction?—The old man.

You must have heard the name of the person at the time of the appointment?—O, yes.

Should you recollect the name if you heard it?—No, I do not suppose I should.

Do you know whose name was put down in the card, as the person recommended?—No, I do not indeed.

Did you ever see the card that the young man carried?—No, I did not.

How was the money paid to you, by a draft, or in Bank notes?—In Bank notes.

Was it paid by Shee?—Yes.

Are you sure it was paid to you by Shee?—Yes.

Was any other person privy to the transaction except the elder Shee?—No, I do not recollect that any body was.

Did Sir Lionel Darell know that you were to derive any advantage from this?—I do not think he did.

Did he ask you?—No, he did not.

Do you know in what way you applied to him, whether you stated that it was for any friend or relation of your own?—No, it was not for any relation of mine.

Did he never ask you what you were to do with the appointment, either before or subsequently?—No, never.

Did you apply to Sir Lionel Darell yourself, or the Duke of Clarence for you?—I applied myself.

Is that the only appointment you received from Sir Lionel Darell?—The only one I think; I only got a Cadetcy I know.

Did you not get another Cadetcy from Sir Lionel Darell?—I might, I cannot say.

Did you not some years previous to that, obtain another Cadetcy from him?—No, I think not.

Are you sure you never had more than one appointment from Sir Lionel Darell?—I cannot recollect that I had any other, it did not make much impression upon my mind if I had any other.

Have you made no other application to the Duke of Clarence, for any appointment?—No.

Did you never apply to him for a Writership?—I do not know but I might, but I never got one.

When did you apply to him for one?—It is a good many years ago now, since I did.

To whom did you apply for a Writership, in the course of the last year 1808?—I did not apply to any person.

Are you sure of that?—Quite certain of it.

What negotiation have you had with the younger Shee, relating to a Cadetship?—None.

Are you sure of that?—Quite sure.

Recollect yourself?—I do not recollect any.

Are

Are you sure that in the course of the last year, 1808, you had no conversation with the Duke of Clarence, relating to a Writership?—I am very sure I had not. *Rev. T. Lloyd.*

Did the elder Shee tell you, that in the course of the last year he obtained £.500. for a Writership?—No.

Are you sure of that?—Quite sure.

Are you sure that he said no such thing with regard to the preceding year, 1807?—He never said anything of the kind to me.

Are those two Cadetships the only two appointments relating to the East India Company, that you have ever received from any person whatever?—Upon my word I cannot say to that.

Recollect what others you have had.—I cannot say; if you will question me with regard to any person in particular, I will endeavour to refresh my memory.

Do you keep any account of money that you receive?—No, I do not; indeed my receipts are very small.

If your receipts are not very large, is it not most probable that you must recollect sums of money coming into your hands?—Certainly.

Recollect what other transactions of this sort, you have derived pecuniary advantage from.—I cannot recollect any others; I had not the least idea I should be asked the question again, or I should have been more particular.

Are you now, or have you been acquainted with any other of the Directors, except Sir Lionel Darell?—I am acquainted with some of the Directors, not sufficiently so to ask them any favour.

Is Sir Lionel Darell the only Director from whom you ever asked a favour relating to the East India Company?—He is the only one from whom I ever got an appointment.

Are you sure of that?—Yes.

Have you upon no other occasion applied to the Duke of Clarence, relating to East India Patronage?—No.

Are you positive of that?—Yes.

Endeavour to recollect the conversation you had with Mr. Shee at the Coffee-house.—I did not even sit down with him; I was coming from the city, and met with him going in; and he said, I think, that he had just come from the Committee.

Did not that lead you to the subject of the former transaction?—No; I was in a very great hurry, and could not stop.

Do you by accident know a person of the name of Sharman?—No, I do not.

Did he never bring you a letter from Mr. Shee, at the Duke's apartments at St. James's?—Never, that I know of; I do not know a man of that name at all; it does not strike my memory that I know the name.

No transaction of a Writership ever took place between yourself and Mr. Shee, through Mr. Sharman?—No, I never had a Writership in my life.

Have you received a letter from Mr. Shee since he was here on this subject?—No, I do not think I have. Yes, I recollect I received a letter last week from him.

On any subject of this sort?—No, nothing of this sort; only that he had not been called again.

Did you keep up that sort of correspondence with him, that you knew when he came here?—No; I have no particular acquaintance with him.

Have you that letter?—No, I have not.

To what transaction did that letter relate?—Nothing particular; only common chat and conversation.

What was the subject of that letter?—Nothing particular.

It was accident that took you to the Coffee-house where you met Mr. Shee?—Yes.

Rev. T. Lloyd.

You had had no letter previous to that?—No, not a letter appointing that meeting.

Was that last letter in answer to one of yours?—No.

Have you no papers at home that you could refer to, to refresh your memory on these transactions?—No.

Can you recollect any of the subjects of chat in that letter?—No, there was nothing particular in it, I know.

Have you kept up a constant acquaintance with Mr. Shee since you were at school with him?—Occasionally.

Did you know him while he was in confinement at Newgate?—Yes, I did.

Do you know why he was in confinement there?—For something relating to East India business.

That was prior to this transaction you have stated?—Yes, it was.

Then you were not afraid of having this transaction with him after that?—Yes, I do not know exactly what that was; it was before a Court of Law.

Do you think the Duke of Clarence keeps accurate accounts of the Writerships and Cadetships he applies for?—I cannot say as to that; I do not believe he ever got a Writership in his life.

Was the last letter you received from Mr. Shee a long letter?—No.

What did he say in it about his examination?—Only that he had been here; he did not say at all what he was examined about.

Did he mention any particular appointment that he did not speak to?—No.

Are you sure of that?—Quite certain of it.

Did he say that he was glad he had not been called again before the Committee?—No.

Did he mention that he thought himself lucky in not being called again?—No, he did not.

Could you collect, from the substance of his letter, why he stated that he had not been called again?—No, I could not.

That letter was not in answer to any of yours?—No.

Has he been in the habits of correspondence with you lately?—Sometimes I have heard from him, and then not again for months.

You are quite certain you never were concerned in the sale of a Writership in the course of the year 1808?—Never in all my life.

Did the Duke, after he had given you this Cadetcy, ever ask you what you had done with it?—Never.

Do you think he would have been offended if he thought you received money for it?—He would not have asked for it if he thought I meant to dispose of it, I am sure.

Mr. RICHARD LOCKE.

Mr. Locke.

Do you know Mr. Watfon?—Yes, I know him by sight.

Upon what occasion did you first know him?—I have known him personally for twenty years; when I first knew him he was in a similar trade to mine, the linen trade; a manufacturer of cotton goods; he was a linen-draper at that time.

Had you at any time any conversation with him, relating to the appointment of a Cadet to India?—No, never.

Have you had any negotiation at any time, with any person, relating to the appointment of a Cadet to India?—No.

Do you know Mr. Tabourdin?—No, I cannot say that I do.

Have

Have you a brother, Mr. Locke, of Farnham?—Yes.

Mr. Locke.

Is he acquainted with Mr. Tahourdin?—Yes, Mr. Tahourdin, I believe, is his solicitor.

Do you recollect his having any transaction with Mr. Tahourdin, respecting a Cadetship?—I rather think he had, about two years ago.

Was not Mr. Watson concerned in that transaction?—Yes, he was.

Relate what you know of it.—About two years ago, some relations of mine obtained this Cadetcy for a nephew of mine, and sent him out to India; as they reside in the country, the one at Farnham, and the other in the West of England, it was necessary that some person should pass him at the India House, and I attended him at the India House. I did not know at that time how the Cadetcy was procured; soon afterwards I learnt it was purchased, and, I believe, through Mr. Watson.

Did Watson go with you to the India House?—No, I went with my nephew there.

What is his name?—Thomas Locke.

Which year was that?—1807; about two years ago.

Do you know whose nomination he had?—No, I cannot say; I was only requested by my brother to attend him at the India House.

Did you not see the card that he had?—No, I cannot recollect that I did.

Did you not meet Mr. Watson at Mr. Tahourdin's?—No, I never attended at Mr. Tahourdin's, nor saw Mr. Tahourdin.

Did you not pay any money upon this account?—Soon after this transaction, about a fortnight after, I paid Mr. Watson a bill, drawn, by my brother at Farnham, in favour of Mr. Watson, for 90 guineas; which bill I believe I have got now.

Was that the whole sum paid?—That was all that I paid; I believe there was some further sum paid by Mr. Tahourdin.

You do not recollect your brother giving you any intimation what was paid?—No; but I believe I had some money of his in my hands, for which he drew at a short date; it became due in March.

How came you to know there was a further sum?—My brother mentioned that there was something further; I know the 90 guineas was not the whole.

Have you ever had any other transaction relating to East India Patronage?—No, not the least.

Your brother lives at Farnham?—Yes, the Rev. Dr. Locke.

ALEXANDER ANDERSON, Esq.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Watson?—Yes, I knew such a person, by a transaction on which I suppose I am summoned here.

Mr. Anderson.

State that transaction.—There was a friend of ours just come home from the East Indies, who had two nephews he wished to get out to the East Indies, as Cadets, and he applied to us to get appointments for them, through any Director whom we knew; we told him it was impossible for us to do it, especially on so short a notice as he wished it, and that as such things were to be purchased, and as he could afford to pay for them, the shortest way would be for him to buy them, and then he would be obliged to no person; that was the very conversation that passed. We did not know this Mr. Watson before, but he brought his address, as a person that could negotiate such a transaction, and I waited upon him, and made a promise to pay the money, upon these two young men receiving their appointments. I received the money from the gentleman, and, after the appointments, paid Mr. Watson the money.

What sums of money did you pay to Watson?—The sum I was to pay him, was five hundred guineas for the two, and that sum was paid. Watson sent a person or two, to receive a part of it; but I paid the five hundred guineas for the two appointments.

Mr. Anderson. How long was the first appointment prior to the other?—They went both out in the same fleet; I suppose in the course of a few weeks.

Did you see the cards?—I did, I had them in my possession.

By whom were they nominated?—The one came out of the Board of Control, by Mr. Dundas, and the other by Mr. Thellusson.

In what year was this?—Early in the Spring of the last year, about twelve or fourteen months ago.

Who were the young gentlemen nominated?—Two brothers, of the names of Alexander and John Manson.

Did Watson happen to tell you by what means he procured these appointments?—No; I know nothing further.

Was one of the cards signed by Mr. Dundas?—To the best of my remembrance it was.

Was the name of Mr. Etches mentioned to you in this transaction?—No.

Was Watson the only person you had any transaction with on this subject?—There were two or three persons called to receive a part of the money, but I cannot recollect their names.

Was Mr. Tahourdin, the attorney, one of them?—No, I remember that name was not one.

Do you know whether Mr. Shee had any thing to do with this?—No, I think not.

Is there any other transaction in which your House has at any time been concerned relative to East India Patronage?—No.

Have you made any application lately to any Director for a Cadetcy?—No.

Not to Mr. Thellusson?—I applied to Mr. Thellusson as a friend, for an appointment in the way of friendship for a relation in Scotland, not at all in this way.

You never heard Watson say how he obtained these appointments?—No, I never did.

Mr. GABRIEL TAHOURDIN.

Mr. Tahourdin.

Do you know Mr. Watson?—I know a person of that name.

Do you recollect having any transaction with him relating to a Cadetship?—Yes; in consequence of a gentleman calling at my brother's yesterday, a circumstance was brought to my recollection, which I will state: I beg to state, that I had quite forgotten the circumstance when I was before the Committee, and when I read this letter you will see the very slight connection I had with the transaction.

[Mr. Tahourdin read a letter, stating that a friend of the writer's had been unfortunate, and that he (the writer) had purchased for him a Cadetcy; that it was necessary 180 guineas should be deposited in some house; that he had ordered 160 guineas to be remitted to Mr. Tahourdin, in part payment of the 180 guineas, and that if Mr. Watson should call, he was to be informed that the sum was deposited to be paid on the young man's passing at the India House.]

By whom was that signed?—Mr. Locke, at Farnham, now Dr. Locke.

What is the date of that?—The third of February 1807. Mr. Locke's brother called yesterday, and brought this circumstance to my recollection.

What sum of money did you pay in consequence of that letter?—I really cannot say; I believe this sum was paid, but whether it was remitted by Mr. Locke, I cannot say; I have been looking through my banker's book, but can find no memorandum of the kind.

Had you any conversation with Mr. Locke's brother respecting it?—I never have seen him; he called on my brother, and stated the circumstance, which brought it to my recollection.

Do

Do you recollect paying any money to Mr. Watson in consequence of that?—*Mr. Tahourdin.*
I think the probability is, that I did pay it to Mr. Watson, but having no memorandum, I cannot state it.

Has this brought to your memory any other transactions in which you have ever been engaged?—No, it has not indeed.

Have you ever received any Cadetships from Mr. Thellusson through Mr. Woodford?—No, never.

Did you see the young gentleman who was sent out in consequence of this?—No, it simply began and ended here.

Had you ever any other transaction with Watson relating to East India Patronage?—No, never.

Do you know the name of the young man who was sent out under the appointment obtained by Mr. Locke?—No.

Sir WILLIAM FRASER, Bart.

I wrote to Captain Nairn, as I stated to the Committee I would; on receiving his answer I was perfectly satisfied that I had made a mistake; the consequence of that was, that having no recollection whatever of the card, which through a mistake of the date, I have taken to be a second card; that led me to a particular enquiry, and going to the East India House with one of my own confidential clerks, who had been with me at the time, but is not with me at the present moment, and from whose recollection I was induced to think I had made a mistake, I find that it is one and the same card, and upon inquiry of the proper clerk in whose department it is, he searched all the cards and all the reports of the preceding and the following year, and there was none from Mr. Mills to me but that one, which card, when I saw, I found that my name had been written with my own pen, consequently that I must have given it to some person in whom I had the utmost confidence; this naturally led me to enquire and to examine this young man particularly; and he remembered the circumstance of Mr. Cusac coming repeatedly to me after he had done with my family, after my boys were gone abroad, and that he was pretty sure I filled up that card, and gave it to him; that he saw me put it into his hands; upon receiving this information I immediately made an enquiry of some gentlemen at the India House. Mr. Boys, the father's, certificate is dated the 26th of March, and I found he had passed the Committee the 28th, with the certificate which I left here last time. I enquired then what is the further proceeding, do they not give a bond? he said, they did. I asked where I should find that bond, for I am determined to trace out my card, and how it came there. I went to the proper officer, and found one Mr. Morris, a hatter in Lombard-street, was the bondsman for this young man, George Boys, who by the bye is my own hatter; on which I made Morris produce his books, to know who John Boys, the father, was. Morris produced his books immediately, but it was all cash; he said, a gentleman, a total stranger, came into his shop, and gave a very handsome order for a young Cadet, without any recommendation; he ordered it in his own name, John Boys, living at Ashcombe. I said, Mr. Morris, what became of these goods. I sent them to Welch and Stalker, who are likewise persons who fit out all the young men for me. I then went to Welch and Stalker's, and there I saw the regular entry for John Boys, Esq. of Ashcombe, to a very handsome amount indeed; I enquired what further came of it, they knew nothing further: Who recommended him to you? we cannot tell. Upon which I sent again to Mr. Morris (this was late on Friday evening) and said, if you value your character it is necessary you should recollect by what means you came to furnish this gentleman; who recommended him to you, and how you came to be bondsman for this young man? The following morning he came to my counting-house, and said, I see that this young man went out in the Harriet, Captain Lynch; I have not a doubt that as Captain Lynch is a friend of mine, I must have received the order for this young gentleman through him, and in that case it is most likely he may have asked me to sign this bond, which is trifling in itself, and which I very often do upon the same ground. I then said, will you recollect the gentleman who gave you the order, what sort of a man he is? A man of gentlemanly appearance. Should you know him again? Yes, we all recollect that he is a very gentlemanly man, and that he lives near Lewes, not near East Grinstead, for the order was given

Sir W. Frazer.

in the month of March, and Morris was not paid till the month of June. I said, how came you trust a man from the month of March to the month of June who was a total stranger to you? he said, he gave me his address, and told me that he would be very much obliged to me to let him know when the ship went from the river, because he did not wish to leave his boy behind him in London, that he would take him down to Sussex, and from thence take him to Portsmouth, and returned me thanks for all my attention to him, and that he would send me up a Turkey, which, by the way, he has never done. Returning to my counting-house, and being satisfied that Morris had told the truth, that he had accounted to me for all I could get from him, and that I was pretty certain now of having obtained the real possessor of my ticket, I determined to send down one of my clerks, who went down yesterday morning to this gentleman's house with my card in his hand, with my compliments, that being certain he possessed an appointment that went through my hands from Mr. Charles Mills, in which the name of George Boys was written with my own hand, I requested of him as a gentleman to let me know by what means he got possession of that card, that if he found any hesitation in giving a direct answer, to say further to him, that I had myself been before the Committee of the House of Commons, and that it was absolutely necessary to trace the matter where it was, and that if he was not sensible of the compliment I paid him from conceiving the respectable situation he was in as a country gentleman, I should lay the whole of that case before the Committee sitting, and there was not a doubt they would enforce that answer from him, that I flattered myself he would consider unnecessary, and that if I was driven to that extreme, I should make a representation to the Court of Directors, and that, as he would find on the back of the card, that the boy was liable to be sent home, I should enforce that upon the Court of Directors. My young man I expected home last night, but I told him that if he found Mr. John Boys out, but that he was in the county, as he had a post-chaise to follow him. In my first examination I said I gave Mr. Cufac a blank card, I now find that in that I must have been mistaken.

Are you certain that you received only one appointment from Mr. Mills?—I am certain of it, this was on the 26th of March; Mr. Mills went out the following April; the clerk has looked over every document.

Are you certain you gave that appointment to Mr. George Boys?—I am morally sure that the appointment must have gone from me to Mr. Cufac, and the person of the father of Mr. George Boys is traced by these persons.

The name of Mr. George Boys was inserted in the card?—Yes, in my own handwriting.

Mrs. JANE WELCH.

Mrs. Welch.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Manship?—Yes.

Have you known him long?—Yes, he lodged with us seven years.

Does he lodge in your house now?—No, not with us; we were under the necessity of quitting the house; he is in the house now.

Do you recollect applying to him for a Cadetship?—Yes, I asked him for a card.

At what time was that?—Somewhere about three years ago, three years in November or December; I was at that time in a great deal of trouble; my husband was ill with a paralytic stroke, and was not at home.

For whom did you apply for that Cadetship?—I asked Mr. Manship to give it for a friend of Mr. Bullock's.

Who was Mr. Bullock?—A gentleman in Gloucestershire; he is dead, he has been dead about two years; but Mr. Bullock did not have the card from me.

Who had the card from you?—A Mr. Goddard; at my request he had the card; and it was in consequence of an advertisement I saw in the paper; my husband was then very ill, and in embarrassed circumstances; there was an advertisement in the paper, saying, that any person who could get a Cadetship should have a handsome present. I told Mr. Goddard I should esteem it a favour if he would answer the advertisement for me; it was in initials; what the coffee-house was I know not now; he appointed a meeting with the person, and he met him, and told him it was for a brother

brother of his; and Mr. Goddard brought him to me, and introduced him to me by the name of Shee; I did not know him; he told me it was for a brother of his; Mr. Manship's housekeeper was present when he mentioned it was for a brother of his; he did not treat with me for money, but only said to Mr. Goddard that if the young man passed he would make me a handsome present; the young man was passed, and he sent me a present a week or a fortnight or three weeks afterwards; he sent me that present by Mr. Goddard.

Mrs. Welch.

What was that present?—One hundred guineas for the trouble I had had in procuring it: I was very much surprised when I was told the card was not made out in the name of Shee, but in another person's name; I supposed it was a half-brother or brother-in-law. I did not see Mr. Shee after that till he sent me a card, asking me to call at the Imperial Hotel in Covent-garden; he then asked me, whether I could get a Cadetship; I told him I could not, and that I was very sorry I had had to do with that. About a twelvemonth ago he wrote again, but I took no notice of it; I have done wrong and am sorry for it; I did it very innocently; my husband was in embarrassed circumstances, and very like to die.

What was the name of the person inserted in the card?—I cannot say, I was so distressed in my mind; I cannot recollect, I made no memorandum; I thought it was Mr. Shee's brother; I had no idea he dealt in these things, or I would have had nothing to do with it.

Who was Mr. Goddard?—He was head-waiter at the White-hart hotel in Holborn; he was acquainted with Mr. Bullock.

Where is he now?—At the King's Arms, Little Saint James's-street; but he is very ill, and confined to his bed; I did not know where he was till yesterday; I made enquiry on being summoned, and found he was there; I called there this morning, and found he was very ill in bed, and that the doctor was with him.

Does Mr. Goddard recollect the name of the person written upon the card?—No, he does not; I asked him this morning, and he said he did not; that Mr. Shee introduced him to him as his brother, and he thought him to be so, and never knew to the contrary.

Can you recollect in what this month was?—I think in the month of December 1805.

What did Mr. Goddard receive?—I do not know; I believe he received nothing but what he made me a present of; I do not believe he received any thing else.

Did you ever hear what Mr. Shee received?—No, nor did I know he was concerned in these things.

Was he an elderly man or a young man?—A young man; I never saw him but twice; Mr. Goddard treated with him.

Had Mr. Bullock any thing to do with these things?—No, I only used his name, knowing he was a particular friend of my husband's; and thinking, that if he was in town, he would give me leave to use his name.

Did you make use of his name only as a cover to pass to Mr. Manship?—Only as a cover; Mr. Manship's housekeeper asked me who it was for, and I told her Mr. Bullock?

Does Mr. Manship's housekeeper recollect the name of the young man inserted in the card?—No, she was with me when he came, and said it was for his own brother; she knows no more than that.

Did you ever acquaint Mr. Manship that you had derived any advantage from this Cadetship?—No; Mr. Manship had no idea of it; he would have been very angry if he had known I took any thing.

Did he ever ask you what you had done with the Cadetship?—The young man passed at the Board; he asked me now what I had done with it, and I told him I had given it into the hands of Mr. Goddard; Mr. Manship did not know that I had any present whatever.

Did you ask Mr. Manship for this Cadetship before you saw the advertisement in the newspaper?—No, I believe it was afterwards, but I am not quite clear of that.

Mrs. Welch.

Did you not some years before receive a similar appointment from Mr. Manship?—We had a Cadetcy; Mr. Welch had.

What became of that?—It was given to a young man of the name of Betts, by the application of Captain Burgefs.

In what year was that?—About the year 1800; he said it was a very distressed case, and requested my husband to apply for it if he could; that his mother was pregnant of him when his father died, and that there was no provision for him. Mr. Welch never received any emolument upon that, but merely did it out of friendship to Mr. Burgefs.

Did you receive any emolument upon that account?—No, none whatever.

How was Captain Burgefs known to you?—Through a very intimate friend of ours, Mr. Lander, who went out surgeon in the Airley Castle; and Mr. Burgefs was in that ship; he said, if we could get it of Mr. Manship, it would be a great kindness.

Were you or your husband under any obligation to Captain Burgefs?—None at all, and no acquaintance, but as being introduced by Mr. Lander.

How long had you known Captain Burgefs?—Near upon a twelvemonth; I think the Airley Castle came home in August, and I think it was about a twelvemonth after that.

Was he an intimate friend of your husband's?—He came backwards and forwards frequently to Mr. Lander, and became acquainted with us through that. Mr. Lander was at our house some months.

Did you ever hear whether Mr. Burgefs received any money for this transaction?—No, none at all, I believe; for this young man was very intimate with these people; Mr. Burgefs's wife, I believe, came from Bristol, and that was the way he knew them; he never received any to my knowledge.

Was that the only other appointment you ever received?—Yes, except a Writership for my eldest son; Mr. Manship was so kind as to give after he had been with us two or three years: my husband applied to him to get him into the India House, but instead of that he gave him this Writership, but, poor fellow, he died a month after he got there; these were the only favours I ever had from Mr. Manship.

Did Mr. Manship ever say that he gave this latter Cadetship to you, because you were in distressed circumstances?—Yes, he said he was very sorry for me, and that he would make me a present of this Cadetship; and that Mr. Bullock perhaps might one day or other be a friend to my husband; but Mr. Bullock died; indeed he had nothing to do with it, but I made use of his name; I said it was for a friend of his.

Did Mr. Manship ever say any thing about money; that if there was any money, he was to know nothing about it?—No, never in his life; he asked me if I was to have money for it, for that if I was I should not have it upon any account; and I said I was not nor was I to have for it at the time but I was to have a present afterwards.

Have you no memorandum by which you can tell the name of the young man?—No, I have not.

Neither Goddard nor the housekeeper know it?—No, they do not.

Should you know the name of the person if you heard it again?—No, I should not.

Mr. THOMAS CUSAC.

Mr. Cusac.

Mr. Cusac.—I wish to correct the evidence I gave before; it originated in that lapse of memory to which all men are subject, and no wish to deceive you, for it turned on a point on which you must be in possession of means; you asked me the year, and I told you the year 1804, I now find it was in 1806.

Do you know whether the name that was put into the card was George Boys?—I know it was Boys; I am not certain as to George; there is a circumstance come to my recollection; but it was not in my recollection when I was before you, though I was asked, that circumstance respects the spelling of the name.

You are now sure the name was Boyes?—Yes, I am.

Mr.

Mr. RICHARD CADMAN ETCHES.

Do you recollect making an application for a Cadetship to Mr. Sullivan, some years ago?—Perfectly well. *Mr. Etches.*

Did you obtain a nomination through his means?—Yes.

What did you do with that nomination?—I forget the gentleman's name that had it; Mr. Pasmore had it from me.

Did Mr. Pasmore sell it for you?—Yes, he did.

To whom did he sell it?—I cannot call to my recollection the name; I was then in difficulties.

Did you see the card?—Yes, it was delivered to me.

By whom was it signed?—Upon my honour I cannot exactly call to my memory by whom it was signed.

Could you remember, if the name was mentioned?—I am not certain that I should.

Do you think it was signed by Lord Castlereagh?—Upon my honour I cannot say; I was in difficulties, and was just come from the expedition for Government.

Should you know the name of the person which was put upon the card if you heard it?—No, I should not; I was in the Fleet; the last day of the term we were allowed to go about our own private affairs, and that was the last day of the term, and I did not attend to it.

What money did you receive on account of that?—Mr. Pasmore received the money, and put it to my account; he could tell exactly.

Did he pay any money to you?—He passed so much to my credit; I had money of him afterwards; I think it was £. 220. or £. 250. which was received by Mr. Pasmore.

Was Mr. Pasmore your attorney?—He was my attorney at that time; I had a very great cause respecting India affairs in Chancery at that time.

Did you apply for this appointment, for the purpose of selling it?—No, I did not; I had been on service off Boulogne; I superintended the stone expedition as a private person; I believe my name was not mentioned in the House, but it was solely at my discretion and my disposal; I conducted the business, and did my utmost; and when I came back again the Administration by which I was employed were out of office, of course I had no time to settle my accounts; some little money was left; after that there were some little demands; there was something for officers of the navy who took possession of the ships when we left them, and I said it was a hard thing that I should have to pay those things; the Administration said they would do something for our friends, and they offered me a Cadetship; my relation was too old; he was a year older than could pass; I did not know the age till I got the paper from the India House.

Did you then mention it to Mr. Pasmore, and authorize him to sell it for you?—That was the purport of it.

Did you acquaint Mr. Sullivan with this transaction?—Never.

Did he never make any inquiries of you how you had disposed of it?—Never.

Did you receive a Cadetship subsequent to that?—Yes, that was for another service.

From whom did you receive the last?—Through Mr. Cook.

By whom was the card signed?—I rather think Lord Castlereagh.

How long ago is it?—Two years I think, if I am right. I think upon recollection it was Mr. Dundas's, and that the former was Lord Castlereagh's.

Through whom did you obtain that?—The latter I obtained through Mr. Cook; it was for services I had rendered to Government.

Mr. Etches.

Do you know in what year it was ; was it in 1807 or 1808 ?—Upon my honour I cannot say ; it must have been about this time twelvemonth, or perhaps rather earlier.

To whom was that appointment transferred by you ?—A person of the name of Watson ; he lives in Charlotte-street, Portland-place.

Do you know the number of the house ?—I think 13.

Did you see Mr. Watson upon that occasion ?—Yes, certainly.

Do you know his hand-writing ?—I have seen it.

Is that his hand-writing ? (*a Letter being shewn to the Witnesses*)—I think this is his hand-writing.

What passed between you and Mr. Watson ?—Nothing further than that I know he sold it ; for what he sold it I do not know ; I think I had £.125. for it.

Did you receive the £.125. from Mr. Watson ?—Yes, but what he did with it I do not know.

Did you see the card ?—Yes, I did.

What name was on the card ?—I cannot say what the young gentleman's name was ; I know he was related to the Anderfons in Philpot-lane.

Should you know the name if you were to hear it ?—Perhaps I should.

Was it Manson ?—There were two brothers, I know.

Was it Alexander or John ?—I think Alexander ; it was the latter of them, I know ; I know there was another brother was gone on board a ship in the same fleet.

How did you become acquainted with Mr. Watson ; was it by advertisement, or anything of that sort ?—Seeing an advertisement, I think ; I never saw him above once or twice in my life.

Do you know what he received for his part in the transaction ?—I never knew.

Did you make any previous bargain with him as to what he was to give you ?—I made no further bargain than asking him what he could get for it ; he said they were scarcely worth having.

Did you tell him what you had got for the former Cadetship ?—No, I do not think I said any thing of the kind.

Was any other agent concerned in this transaction ; I rather think old Mr. Shee was concerned in it ; I have some reason to suspect so.

Did you, when you applied to Mr. Cook, state that you intended to dispose of this ;—Never ; I had been in the habit of many transactions for Government, and had done many services for which I could not be paid ; I had been over to Paris, and always furnishing Government with evidence of some description or other.

Did you see Mr. Dundas upon this occasion ?—No ; I think I saw his Secretary Mr. Jones. I recollect that Mr. Dundas was very ill at the time.

Did Mr. Jones ask you any questions as to what you intended to do with the appointment ?—No ; I had just done some public services connected with Mr. Cook's department, and they asked me how they could serve me.

Are these the only two appointments you ever received ?—The only two instances I know any thing of respecting East India Patronage.

This is all the information you can give the Committee relating to East India Patronage ?—It is.

Mr. Dundas did not know that this was to be sold ?—No, certainly not.

Mr. Cook was not aware it was to be sold ?—No, nor Mr. Sullivan neither.

Mr.

Mr. ANNESLEY M'KERCHER SHEE.

Do you know Mr. Etches, who has just left the room?—Yes; I introduced him to a Mr. Watson once about a Cadet; that is all I know of him; I had nothing to do with the business; I put them together, and they managed the business; Mr. Watson afterwards made me a present for my trouble. *Mr. A. M. Shee.*

What did Mr. Watson give you for your trouble?—£. 35.

Do you know what Mr. Watson received for his trouble?—No, I know nothing more than just putting Mr. Watson and Mr. Etches together.

When did you first know Mr. Watson or Mr. Etches?—Mr. Etches I knew nothing of till that time; Mr. Watson is an advertising broker and agent.

Was it in consequence of any advertisement you introduced one to the other?—No, to the best of my recollection, this gentleman asked me whether I knew any person who wanted such a thing, and I made an appointment at the Spring-garden Coffee-house, and there I met Mr. Etches, who informed me he could get such a thing if I knew any person who wanted it.

Are there two Mr. Watson's who are employed in this sort of brokerage?—Not that I know of; the Mr. Watson I allude to lives in Charlotte-street.

Has he any other business?—I believe he raises money in the brokerage way.

How came you not to mention this transaction when you were last before the Committee?—I had so little to do with the affair, that it was quite gone from my mind; my memory has been very bad ever since the unfortunate trial I had; it has injured my whole constitution and faculties.

Have you recollected any other transactions which had escaped your memory then?—I have endeavoured to find out Captain Matthew, who has got all my papers; I have endeavoured to collect all the information I could together, there is a circumstance I am now enabled to recollect; I could not conceive from whom I got the Cadetcy for Mr. Christie, but I now find it was from Mr. Lloyd, the chaplain to the Duke of Clarence, and I believe the reason it did not strike me was, that Mr. Lloyd insisted it was not business done for me, but for Admiral Christie; and he said, he would not take the money as a gift, but take it as a loan, and that he would return it, and therefore I never considered it as business done for me.

Did you pay the money to Mr. Lloyd?—Yes, I did.

How much money?—£. 150. He said he would take it as a loan, but he would not take it as a purchase, as he had known the father of the young man before.

Did you receive the money from Admiral Christie?—No, I received it from a Mr. Page, and Mr. Page gave me a draft upon a banker in the Strand; I forget the name now.

Was Christie the name of the young man who was sent out?—Yes.

Do you know his Christian name?—No, I do not.

Do you know by whom the card was signed?—There was a man went with young Mr. Christie to give the bond at the India-House, to execute this bond, a purser of a man of war, and when he came back to me, he told me he had been introduced to a Mr. Reid, I think, and that Mr. Reid said, if he had twenty Cadetries he would give them all to the Duke of Clarence.

Do you believe the card was signed by Mr. Reid?—I understood Mr. Reid introduced him to the appointment.

Are you sure of the name?—Yes, I am pretty sure of it; I recollect that this purser, when he came back, told me how much Mr. Reid was attached to the Duke of Clarence, and that he said if he had twenty Cadetries, he would give them all to the Duke of Clarence.

Did he say any thing about a Writership?—Not to me.

How long have you known Mr. Lloyd?—Fifty years ago we were at school together.

Have

Mr. A. M. Shee.

Have you had some other transactions with him about India appointments?—Some time ago, a good many years ago.

What was that?—I believe I had a Cadetcy or two of him, but that is eight or nine years ago.

State the circumstances as far as you can recollect them?—I have been in a sort of derangement ever since my trial; it is only within the last four months I have been in a state of recovery; I know it was eight or nine years ago.

Did you pay any money to him upon that occasion?—Yes, I did.

Do you know how much?—I generally gave him £. 100. or £. 150.

Was that from the Duke of Clarence also?—I believe it was through the Duke of Clarence's interest; I should suppose so.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Sharman?—Yes, I know him; I am not very intimate with him; I have been in a public house with him.

Have you not often met him at the Dolphin?—Yes, on Ludgate-hill.

Have you not frequently talked to him respecting transactions of this sort?—I never had any dealings with him.

Have you not talked to him on these subjects?—I believe I have mentioned some things to him.

Do you recollect talking to him about a Writership that was sold by Mr. Lloyd?—I never heard that Mr. Lloyd sold a Writership, if he did it was entirely unknown to me.

Were you never concerned in selling any Writership for Mr. Lloyd?—Never.

Did you never sell any Writership for which you gained a considerable sum of money?—Never; I have wanted Writerships, and have had a great many people pretend to say they could get them for me, but they always failed in the end.

Did Mr. Lloyd ever tell you he had a Writership at his disposal?—Never; I often said that if he could get a Writership it would be a good thing, and make both of us comfortable, but he never professed to have any.

Do you know of any appointment of a Cadet that Mr. Lloyd obtained of Sir Lionel Darell?—Yes, I think it was a Cadet he got for me, but it was a good many years ago.

To whom was that sold?—Upon my word I cannot recollect; I know the brother of the young man is a surgeon, or was a surgeon of an Indiaman; I cannot recollect his name just now, but I remember Mr. Lloyd told me he got it from Sir Lionel Darell.

Did you pay any money to him upon that account?—Oh, certainly.

Do you recollect how much?—I believe one hundred, or a hundred and fifty pounds; I used to pay him about £. 150.

From whom did you receive it?—From this surgeon.

In what street did he live?—I think I met him at the Jerusalem Coffee-house. I think his name is Reid too.

Do you know whether he is at home now?—I cannot say.

Was the person named Reid that went out under the appointment?—I think it was.

Did Reid the surgeon pay you the money?—Yes, he did.

Was it at your house or at the Coffee-house?—It was at my own house; I recollect it was when I was confined with the gout; it was when I lived in Grosvenor-place.

Can you recollect in what year this was?—It must have been eight years ago, I am sure; I think it must have been either 1801 or 1802.

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Can you recollect to whom that other Cadetship was sold, which you mention that Mr. Lloyd obtained from the Duke of Clarence?—This is the other which I have mentioned. *Mr. A. M. Shee.*

You stated, that you thought he received that, which was some years ago, from the Duke of Clarence?—Yes, through the interest of the Duke of Clarence, of Sir Lionel Darell.

Do you recollect any other Cadetship that you had from Mr. Lloyd?—No; I had several from Mr. Wright about that time.

When did you see Mr. Lloyd last?—I believe about eight or ten days ago; it was a day or two after I was here.

Did you meet him accidentally, or did he come to you, or you go to him?—No, I believe he called at my lodgings.

What conversation had you with him?—I told him I had been here.

Did he ask you whether you had told of any transactions which passed between you and himself?—Yes, he did.

What did you tell him?—I told him about Christie's, that I had been asked the names of the young men that I had sent out, and that I gave Mr. Christie's name; by that time I had recollected, it was he had got it for me.

Did you tell him you had not mentioned his (Mr. Lloyd's) name to the Committee?—I believe he asked me whether his name was mentioned, and that I told him it was not, and why it was not, for that I was puzzled whether I had it from him or Mrs. Morrison; he not taking it as a business of mine, but throwing all the obligation upon the Admiral, it did not make that impression upon my mind.

What other questions did he ask you?—Our conversation was principally about the business that I had with the Prince of Wales; I wanted him to exert himself with the Duke of Clarence, to try to get my accounts with the Prince of Wales settled.

Since that conversation, have you received any letter from Mr. Lloyd?—No.

Have you written any letter to Mr. Lloyd?—Not since that conversation; it was in consequence of a letter that I wrote to Mr. Lloyd, that he called upon me.

What was the substance of that letter?—It was respecting a transaction I had for the Prince of Wales.

Did you mention in that letter, that you had been examined before this Committee?—No, I believe it was separate conversation.

Are you sure there was no mention in your letter of being examined before this Committee?—Indeed I do not know; I think I had written before I was examined; I recollect I wrote one letter just before, and another after, upon the same subject.

What was the subject of those letters?—Entirely the Prince of Wales's business.

What are those memorandums you have brought with you?—They principally relate to transactions with Mr. Wright, which was the introduction of my trial.

Do you recollect any Lieutenantcy in India, that was sold by Mr. Lloyd?—No.

Do you recollect your son selling any thing of that sort for Mr. Lloyd, and your being dissatisfied with your son selling it?—Whatever passed between them, I know nothing of.

Do you recollect being dissatisfied with any thing passing between them?—I certainly was very jealous; I heard that they were transacting business together, and I thought it very strange that he should employ my son.

What answer did he make to you?—He denied that my son did any business for him.

What reason had you for supposing that he did any business for him?—Because they were always together; Mr. Lloyd used to call at my daughter's, where my son was, and I heard that they were frequently together. I wish to state, that Mr. Davis, an Architect in Bloomsbury-square, and Mr. Walker of Warwick-row, the

Mr. A. M. Shee. bottom of Bedford-row, told me, that Mr. Davison had acknowledged to them, that he gave money to Kinnard to go out of the way, 30 guineas; Mr. Chetham also acknowledged to Mr. Willey, that they had sent Kinnard out of the way for the purpose.

Did either of those gentlemen ever say any thing to you, about Wright being kept out of the way?—No; Wright contumaciously told Mr. Willey and me, when we went to serve him with the subpoena, that he would not attend; in consequence of which, I was convicted, having no evidence.

In your former examination, you stated that Mr. Davison had himself acknowledged that he had given money to one of the Witnesses to keep out of the way; do you mean now to repeat that?—I mean to repeat, that Mr. Davison himself told me, he had orders to give Kinnard thirty guineas, and had done so, to go into concealment till after the expiration of my contract; and that he thought I was very ill used, and that he did not wish to volunteer against the Directors, though he was as independent as they, as long as he did his duty; but that if I had occasion to subpoena him into a Court of Justice, he would acknowledge that he had orders, and that he did give Kinnard the thirty guineas to go into concealment; I understand that he repeated this several times to Mr. Walker and Mr. Davis; that he said to me in Court immediately after the trial; when I found I could not have the benefit of Wright's evidence, the only remedy I had, was to give a summons to bring the books of the East India Company into Court, and they were brought by Mr. Davison; and that was the way in which I came to see him.

Have you any other memorandum relating to any other transactions you have had?—No, I have no other.

Have you lately, at any time, met Mr. Lloyd at the Coffee-house?—I meet Mr. Lloyd very often, and dine with him very often.

Lately?—About a fortnight or three weeks ago I met him at the Orange Coffee-house.

Have you met him by accident, without dining with him?—Yes, I met him in Saint James's-street.

Have you met him in a Coffee-house since you have been before this Committee?—I think I met him one day in Saint James's-street, and that we went into the Royal Larder in Saint James's-street; I believe it was a day or two afterwards.

Have you seen him at your lodgings since, besides?—Yes, he called at my lodgings in consequence of a letter I wrote to him respecting the Prince of Wales's business.

Mr. JOHN ANNESLEY SHEE.

Mr. J. A. Shee. Do you know any thing of the disposal of any Cadetships in the Patronage of Sir Lionel Darell?—I do not recollect that I ever had one.

Are you acquainted with Mr. Lloyd?—Yes.

How long have you known him?—I believe these ten or twelve years.

Have you had any transactions with him, relating to any appointments to India?—I once had, some time ago.

State what that was.—That was relative to a Cadetship for Mr. Robert Gray.

Do you recollect what year that was?—No.

Did that appointment take place?—No; Mr. Gray did go out, but that appointment was cancelled.

Was it cancelled in consequence of its having been ascertained that it had been purchased?—Yes.

In whose appointment was that?—Sir Theophilus Metcalfe's, I understood.

Did any letters pass between you and Mr. Lloyd upon that subject?—Indeed I do not recollect.

Do you know whether this was about May 1806?—I cannot say, it is very probable it might be; it is three or four years ago, I should suppose. *Mr. J. A. Shee.*

Do you know whether this had any thing to do with an advertisement in the Edinburgh papers?—I believe it had.

Was Mr. Lloyd concerned in that transaction?—He procured the Cadetship.

Do you know from whom he procured it?—No, I do not.

What money was he to receive?—I do not recollect.

Did you make the bargain for him with Mr. Gray or his relations?—No, the people in Edinburgh.

Is that the only transaction in which you have ever been concerned with Mr. Lloyd?—The only Indian transaction.

Did he ever mention a Writership to you?—No, I think not; he may, but I do not recollect it.

When did you last see Mr. Lloyd?—About a month or six weeks ago.

Have you seen him since you were examined before this Committee?—I have not.

Have you written to him since you were examined by this Committee?—Yes, I have.

Upon what occasion did you write to him?—Upon nothing of an Indian nature.

Did it relate to your examination before this Committee?—It did not.

Did you mention, in that letter, that you had been examined?—I do not recollect; I wrote from Newgate, and I dare say mentioned the reason why I was there, or that Mr. Lloyd must be aware, from the newspapers, what had brought me to Newgate.

Did you receive any letter from Mr. Lloyd?—Yes.

Did he state in that letter any thing relating to your transactions with him as to East India Patronage?—No.

Had you any thing to do with Mr. Lloyd, relative to any Lieutenantcy of a regiment serving in India?—No.

Have you recollected, since your last examination, any further transactions on the subject of East India Patronage, in which you have been concerned either directly or indirectly?—No, I have not.

Were you acquainted with Sir Lionel Darell?—No, I do not know that I ever saw him.

You have had no other transactions with Mr. Lloyd?—Not of an Indian nature.

Mr. WILLIAM BRYANT.

What are those papers which you have in your hand?—This is an agreement between Colonel Mark Wood and me. *Mr. W. Bryant.*

[Mr. Bryant produced a paper, intituled, "Terms of Compromise," relating to estates at Shaftesbury and Gatton, signed "Mark Wood, William Bryant," dated the 23d of June 1804, containing among others the following sentence:—"Colonel Wood also to get Bryant's son out to India."]

Is that your hand-writing?—Yes, and the gentleman who witnessed it is Mr. Parsons, the bookseller, on Ludgate-hill.

Have you any other written document relating to this transaction?—I have among my papers some letters; but I have lately removed from my chambers, and not being aware till yesterday of being called here, I have not been able at so short a notice to lay my hand upon them. The fact is precisely this: Colonel Wood agreed with me; my estate at Shaftesbury had been improperly put up to sale by Mr. Christie, it had cost me above £. 30,000. and it was sold for £. 12,000. odd hundreds; Colonel Wood went and purchased this estate, as he pretended, through the hands of Boyd and Benfield,

Mr. W. Bryant. field, and also through the hands of their assignees; some of the mortgagees and creditors had got me into custody, and there they were determined to keep me, unless I would be swindled out of my property; and then comes forward Colonel Wood, and says, I will get your son out to India, I can do it through my friends at the Treasury; and having said that, and I having agreed to it, he swindled me out of my estate, and my son is still upon my hands.

Was any thing done as to a Writership in consequence of this agreement?—No, nothing at all; Lord Melville, his friend, went out during the time, and nothing was done upon it; I never could get him to perform his agreement.

Did he state to you for what reason he did not perform his agreement?—No, I never could get any answer from him to this hour; but he pretends that he has sold the estate again, though he has never paid the purchase-money to this day.

You never had any other transaction with Colonel Wood, respecting East India Patronage?—No, nor with any other person. Colonel Wood had it in the original draft of the agreement “as a Writer,” but when it came to be copied, he desired to have it altered; he said, “I will do the thing for you, but it must not be so expressed.”

Have you any letter, explaining those words?—Yes, I have one letter, in which he says that he meant a Cadetcy, and not a Writership.

Did he say through whom he was to get it?—Yes, he said he was to get it through Lord Melville; the estate cost me 30,000 odd hundred pounds, and I allowed him £. 3,500. for this Writership, not doubting that I should receive it.

Have you any valuation of this estate which you could produce, by which it would appear, according to what estimate the property was taken?—I have an estimate of the whole of the Shaftesbury estate; here is Mr. Christie’s valuation.

Was that the valuation, according to which the agreement for the purchase was made?—No; Mr. Christie valued the two estates together, Benfield’s and mine, at £. 43,047. 10s. Colonel Wood gave Government from £. 25,000. to £. 27,000. for Boyd and Benfield’s; Mr. Christie knocked down mine at £. 13,000. I said that was not a fair valuation of my property, as it was not, for I had 110 houses in Shaftesbury; and this was promised to me to make up.

Have you any valuation, according to which the property was bought by Sir Mark Wood?—No, I have not any.

Have you any letter or letters, by which it will appear that any abatement of £. 3,500. was made from the agreed price, in consideration of a Writership being expected for your son?—I do not know whether I have any letter now in my possession; I know I had a letter, which was explanatory of that subject.

At what time did Sir Mark Wood say that he was engaged only to provide a Cadetship?—A few days, perhaps six or seven days after he had signed the agreement; I found he meant to shuffle about it, and was not forthcoming to settle the business, for he was to bring me my discharge the next day, which he did not: I wrote him a letter, saying, that the things must be fairly settled, and he wrote me word, that he only proposed to get a Cadetship.

Was any body present during any conversation relating to this Writership?—I do not know whether Parsons did not hear him say something about it; I think he did.

Was any body present at the conversation afterwards, when Sir Mark Wood said he was only bound to provide a Cadetship?—No, but I have that in a letter from him.

Did he ever offer you a Cadetship?—No; he had this agreement in his hands some days before it was signed; it was not a thing put in by surprise, or any thing of that kind, upon him.

On what account did you consent to have the words inserted in the form in which they are, instead of according to what you state to have been the original draft?—Because he pretended that it was in violation of the law.

Have you signed the conveyance?—Yes, I signed the conveyance, at what the property was knocked down at by Mr. Christie.

Is this the only security you had for relinquishing £.3,500. part of the purchase money?—Yes, I had no other security whatever for it. *Mr. W. Bryant.*

That is an agreement stamp?—Yes; I have here the opinion which I was obliged to take, of Mr. Leach, a Member of this House, respecting the agreement, if the Committee would wish to see it.

Are you a professional man?—I was for some years.

Did you think this was a valid security for such a sum of money as £.3,500.?—I was in that sort of situation, I was very glad to do any thing to get the thing settled, for I had been detained by these people nearly seven years in consequence of this business.

Did you believe, that if the agreement had been drawn according to your original understanding, with the insertion of the word "Writership," it would have been more illegal than standing in its present form?—Certainly that was the objection; for I had put into the draft of the agreement, "as a Writer," and he objected to it himself.

State in what respect the one differs, in point of legality, from the other?—I apprehended it was good security to me when I signed the agreement.

Where would have been the additional illegality in inserting the words "as a Writer"?—There would have been none, certainly, but Colonel Wood objected to it; I apprehend that the legality or illegality was the same; I have no doubt about that.

Then why did you acquiesce in that alteration of the agreement, if, on account of that stipulation, you were to abate £.3,500.?—Because I wished to have the thing settled at any rate in the world; I did not care what was done if I could get out of custody, for I had been seven years in custody because I would not sign these deeds.

Did you expect the Writership to be granted to you at the time?—O, yes, I had no doubt of it; he said in his letter, that he would certainly procure the appointment for my son, and a great deal more of it.

Was that letter subsequent to the agreement?—No, prior to that; but he came at last in a very improper way to get this signed; he said he had seen a friend of mine, who advised my signing it, whom he had not seen; in short, he had taken a letter I had written to that gentleman off his table; the gentleman came to me in an hour afterwards, and I found that it was contrary to his opinion that I should have signed it; and that if I had not, it would have been put into a different form.

EDWARD COOKE, Esquire.

State the circumstances relating to a Cadetship given to Mr. Etches?—Mr. Etches was known to me through Mr. Sullivan, who had employed him in the Stone Expedition, and he used frequently to give in plans and schemes of his own respecting little expeditions and attacks. After I had settled some account with him respecting the Stone Expedition, he asked me whether I could be kind enough to get him for a relation, I think of his wife's, who was a very fine young man, a Cadetship. I said, I knew nothing at all about Cadetships; he said, O, they were very easy to be got, and if I would just speak to Mr. Dundas, I might get it. He teased me very frequently on the subject, and I did not much attend to him. One day just after I had had a letter from him, Mr. Dundas came into my room on other business, and I said to him, "Here is a person who has been employed by Mr. Sullivan, who wants me to get him a Cadetship; if you have one to spare, he has been useful to Government, I believe." Mr. Dundas replied, "I have some Cadetships, and shall have no objection to your having one." He then sent in the name to Mr. Jones, who was Mr. Dundas's Secretary, and so he got the Cadetship. Mr. Jones, I recollect, came once to me about him.

Mr. Cooke.

Was this on account of service performed with which Mr. Sullivan was acquainted, or the performance of any subsequent service?—He was always sending in plans to me; I had no more wish than to be civil to the man, having been employed by Government before, and who was endeavouring to make himself useful. I had no other reason for making the application than his strong solicitation to me respecting, I think, a nephew of his.

Did he mention to you that he had obtained another Cadetship before?—No.

Mr. Cooke.

Did you consider it as a thing to be sold to him, as property which he might dispose of?—No, he told me that it was for a nephew of his own, who was a very fine young man. I had no idea that he meant to dispose of it.

Did you ever ask him what he had done with it?—No, I do not think I have seen him since. He wrote me a letter of thanks about it.

Did he give you the name of the person whom he wished to appoint, when he first applied to you?—He told me who it was, and afterwards he sent the name to Mr. Jones, Mr. Dundas's Secretary.

Do you recollect any thing of his desiring to change the name?—No, I do not; he may have done so, but I have no recollection of it. I do not at all remember the name.

Mr. Dundas gave it upon your application?—Yes.

The subsequent transaction took place between him and Mr. Jones.—Yes.

Do you happen to recollect the year?—It was above a year.

Did any thing lead you to suppose that he meant to dispose of this for money?—No, I had not the least idea of the kind; he told me it was for a relation, and I think for a son of his sister.

Did you consider this as a part of the payment that was to be made to him?—This was not a payment; the man had been often employed; I had settled the account with him with respect to the expedition in which he had been engaged, but this was not a payment: he was always sending in plans and projects of his own; and it was given more out of good nature than any thing else, to a man who appeared to be exerting himself.

You considered it as an encouragement for his services?—Just so.

Does he continue to be employed by Government?—No, he has never been regularly employed by Government since the Stone Expedition.

Did the account you settled with him relate to the Stone Expedition?—Yes, it was the balance of the account.

Sir MARK WOOD, Bart.

Sir M. Wood.

Do you recollect entering into an agreement with Mr. Bryant, relating to an East India appointment?—Perfectly.

What was the consideration for your agreeing to procure that appointment for Mr. Bryant?—I think it will be necessary to state the transaction which led to it. Some time in the year 1801 or 1802, my Solicitor contracted with Government for the purchase of Mr. Benfield's property in Shaftesbury; they sold it to me as one entire estate, for the sum of £. 35,000.; it consisted of two properties, one was the freehold property of Benfield, and the other was the property formerly of Mr. Bryant. Bryant's property had been mortgaged to a variety of people, and it was necessary for me to pay off those mortgages before I could get possession of any part of those estates. Bryant had long before this assigned his whole rights in these estates for his creditors, and they were sold at the time Mr. Mills purchased them for the benefit of his creditors; but his wife had not been made a party, which was necessary to make good the titles to some of the copyholds. I was advised, though Bryant had no interest at all, to pay his debts and get him out of gaol, on condition of his wife and himself executing all necessary conveyances and papers, and I think, altogether the whole money that was paid to Bryant on condition that he never should pretend to be the proprietor of any estates in Shaftesbury, which he knew to be the real state of the case, was a couple of thousand pounds; I speak this from recollection. At the time this agreement was entered into, it was represented to me that he had a large family, and he begged that I would endeavour to use my influence to get his son out as a Cadet; but when the agreement was entered into he begged that the Army might not be mentioned, as it would be likely to alarm the young man's mother. When Mr. Bryant called upon me afterwards to perform my promise, to my great astonishment he asked me to get his son into the Civil Service, a thing that I had not the most distant contemplation of, and which I do not believe

believe that I could have effected. I explained to Mr. Bryant that my purpose never was any such thing, and I believe I have got some of Mr. Bryant's correspondence that will shew it, that I promised to get his son out as a Cadet; but afterwards, Mr. Bryant, notwithstanding my paying this large sum of money, which was deposited in the hands of Mr. Lowten the attorney, to pay his debts and get him out of gaol on condition of his not interfering with Shaftesbury, or setting up a pretence that the property was belonging to him, went down to Shaftesbury, and went to the different people, and endeavoured to impress them with the belief that he was still the proprietor of Shaftesbury. Upon observing such dishonourable conduct on the part of Bryant, I immediately would not suffer him to come near my premises, and likewise positively refused to have any thing to do with him or his son. Some time ago Mr. Bryant wrote to me, telling me, that his estate was of much more value than the money which had been paid for it, and asking me to pay him an additional sum of money, which letter I did not reply to. About a fortnight ago, to my astonishment, I received a note from him, telling me, that he meant to represent my conduct before the India Committee that was then sitting, of which also I took no notice.

Sir M. Wood.

Did you buy the property of Mr. Bryant according to any valuation?—No, I never knew any thing at all about the property of Bryant; it was clubbed together by Christie, who was one of the Trustees joined with Lord Romney; it was an arrangement made between Government and Christie, who, from the purchase money for the whole, which was to be £.35,000, agreed that £.11,000 some hundred pounds should be considered the value of Bryant's estate, that being one-third, and the other two-thirds the value of Benfield's, so that that would stand at £.23,000. That arrangement I had no connection with.

Had you any conversation with Bryant previous to your purchasing the whole property?—I do not recollect ever having seen him before; I am pretty certain I never saw him before.

Do you recollect any rough draft of the agreement being shewn to you before it was put upon stamps and executed?—No, it was quite a sudden thing; I never did any thing so precipitate and so wrong in my life. It was just making Mr. Bryant a present of so much money. It was, in my opinion, the most swindling act that ever was performed; his getting me to sign the agreement, or to give him one penny piece, for he had no interest at all in the property.

Had you, at any time previous to signing that agreement, held out to Bryant the prospect of obtaining a Writership for his son?—Never in the world.

Did any conversation pass with Bryant in the presence of a third person at the time you executed the agreement?—I think it most likely there must have been some person present; there was a man we got to witness it. Bryant was then living within the Rules of the King's Bench, and he used to frequent a bookseller's shop, and he got that bookseller to witness the agreement; some friend of his own.

What induced you to make him this promise on a stamped paper?—It was not a stamped paper, he got it stamped afterwards; it was the most ridiculous thing I ever did in my life.

Did you consider it at all in part payment to Bryant?—Not at all; he had no claims upon me; it was merely to get out of hot water that the fellow might not do mischief. Mr. Lowten was one of the principal promoters of it, and I think, did not do very honourably.

Did you ever give any Writerships to any persons with whom you had money transactions?—I never had a Writership in my life.

Or Cadetships?—I have sent out a great many Cadets.

Have you ever given those to persons likely to dispose of them?—No.

None to attorneys?—No, to relations or persons connected with me.

What became of the Cadetships you gave, so far as you can recollect?—The first year I returned from India, which is sixteen or seventeen years ago, I got four Cadets appointed, three of which I gave to three connections of my wife's, who are Captains in the service; one to a nephew of Sir Robert Pasley; I think I sent out two or three

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more young men: I believe I obtained and gave away one or two more Cadetcies since my return from India; but besides those, I have never had any appointments.

Did Mr. Lowten make out any valuation of Bryant's property to induce you to give a sum of money?—No, he was only a sort of mediator, wishing to serve Bryant.

Was any rough draft of the agreement prepared in which you promised Bryant a Writership for his son?—I know of none.

Did he present you any rough draft containing that?—I should suppose not, because I should have put it into the fire if he had.

Did you object to the agreement on account of the illegality of the transaction?—Never in the world; I never considered any thing I was doing as illegal.

WILLIAM DEVAYNES, Esquire.

Mr. Devaynes.

Do you recollect the appointment of a person of the name of Thomas Cafey, a Cadet, in July 1806, or thereabouts?—No, I do not; I think I recollect something of the name, but I do not know any thing further.

Do you recollect giving a Cadetship to Mr. Herbert about that time?—Yes.

Do you happen to recollect to whom he gave it, or any part of that transaction?—I know nothing about who he gave it to; I think he said it was for a relation of his, a particular friend or a relation that he wished to send out: he was a gentleman whom I had known for some time.

Is he abroad now?—He is gone in an Indiaman as a Purser; I believe his brother is the Captain of the ship; he was in business here, and he failed.

Did you ever hear him say to whom he had given that appointment?—Never a single syllable; he was a man whom I had long known; he was a voter for Barnstaple, and he had been down with me to canvass for votes, and I gave it to him as a man whom I knew something of, and who was useful to me in the city in doing little jobs.

Did you understand that he asked it for a relation of his?—I think so, either a relation of his or his wife's; he certainly mentioned it as a relation.

Did you imagine that he had any design to sell it at that time?—No, certainly not; he was a married man, and had a good many connections; I had not any idea of his disposing of it.

Did you give any thing else to Mr. Herbert?—No.

ALEXANDER ANDERSON, Esquire.

Mr. Anderson.

Was not one of the cards for the Messrs. Mansons signed by Mr. Inglis?—No, certainly not; one of them was signed by Mr. George Woodford Thellusson; the other, I do not recollect who signed it, but I have reason to believe it came from the Board of Controul.

Can you give any information relating to the appointment of Mr. Alexander Manson by Mr. Inglis?—I know that Mr. Inglis gave that appointment; for his father informed me Mr. Inglis had given it.

Is this a third brother?—Yes, it is a third brother now going out?

Did not two brothers go out in the same fleet?—They did.

About what time was that?—About twelve months ago.

Has another brother since gone out?—He is about going out, I understand, under the appointment of Mr. Inglis.

JOHN INGLIS, Esquire.

Mr. Inglis.

Have you lately appointed Mr. Alexander Manson a Cadet?—Yes, I have.

Are you acquainted with his father?—Yes, perfectly well.

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Was it given to his father?—Yes, personally by myself.

Mr. Inglis.

Do you know of two other brothers who went out to India in the fleet about twelve months ago?—No; I understood from him, when I gave this, that he had another son in India, but I did not know of his appointment at all. When he applied to me for this, he used the name of the gentleman who has just been before the Committee; but I told him I knew his father and himself a great many years, and that when I had a Cadetcy I should give it him with pleasure.

Is Mr. Anderson a friend of your's?—I know him perfectly well, the young man whom I appointed is at the school now, I gave the father a better thing than he wanted; I told him I would send him to the school first, if he wished it.

JAMES PATTISON, Esq.

Did you appoint Mr. Thomas Lock a Cadet for Madras, in February 1807, or about that time?—Yes, I did.

Was Mr. Lock known to you?—Not at all.

To whom did you give that appointment?—To a gentleman of the name of Garrick Nathan Egerton Garrick.

Who is Mr. Garrick?—He belongs to the band of gentlemen pensioners.

Do you know what he did with it?—Not in the smallest degree, I had first given him a Bombay nomination; and I had an opportunity of exchanging with Mr. Bebb, to give him a better nomination, and I exchanged it for a Madras, at Mr. Garrick's desire, he was pleased that his friend should be better off, he told me.

Did he mention to you the name of Mr. Lock?—I think he did, and I think I must have seen the young man as far as I recollect, but I am not certain in my recollection upon that point.

Did Mr. Garrick state him to be a relation of his own?—I think he did, he stated him to be related to some lady with whom he was intimately related; the name has quite escaped me, I think a lady with whom he was at that time residing.

Was Lady Lum known to you?—I believe that was the name of the lady.

Was she known to you at all?—Not at all, since I gave him the nomination, her name once came into some difficulty in our Committee, respecting a Cadetship, but that had no reference to this case at all.

Can you recollect what case it had reference to?—It had reference to a case of a Cadetship, given by Mr. Manhip to some lady, and Lady Lum's name was somehow or other brought into the question.

Did you know a person of the name of Watson, as having something to do with this Cadetship?—I think Watson's name had something to do with the other which I have just referred to, but I never knew any thing further respecting my own, than what I have had the honour to communicate.

Can you recollect whether Mr. Garrick said he had given this to Lady Lum?—I cannot say so much as that, for I am not quite confident of the name, but I recollect he said he gave it to a relation of some lady, and I think it was Lady Lum.

Where does Mr. Garrick live?—He lived at that time in Gloucester-place.

Do you know where he lives now?—No; I met him at Cheltenham, he asked me for a Cadetship; I had a very slight acquaintance with him, but sometimes we do give these things on very slight acquaintanceship, and I gave him one, having one to spare.

Had you any reason to suppose that he parted with it for a pecuniary consideration?—Not the least in the world; he spoke of it as for a friend that he was interested for, and pressed me very hard, for I wished to avoid it, but he pressed for it, as for a person that he was intimately connected with.

You mentioned some enquiries respecting an appointment, in which Lady Lum's name occurred; can you give the Committee any information respecting that case?—I do not know enough, to dare to speak positively; there was such a circumstance, and her name was implicated; whether the young man went out or not, I am not certain.

Mr. Inglis.

Do you know whether Sir Francis Lum is living or not?—She was a widow at that time, I remember having seen her at Cheltenham.

Was it before the Committee of shipping that the inquiry took place?—Yes; all the examinations respecting Cadets take place there.

Do you recollect how long since?—It must be two years ago.

Are the minutes preserved of those meetings?—There are minutes of the circumstances preserved.

JOHN ROBERTS, Esq.

Mr. Roberts.

Do you recollect what time Dr. Sherfon joined in a bond with you?—Dr. Sherfon joined in a bond with me in 1781, it was cancelled four or five years after that, and long previous to 1794.

Did Dr. Sherfon pay any part of that bond?—None.

Do you ever recollect, in the presence of Mr. Bill, saying any thing relating to the appointment of Dr. Sherfon's son as a Writer?—Never, as to any consideration to be paid for it.

Do you recollect ever to have received £. 500. from Dr. Sherfon at any time?—No, he never had any money account with me.

Had you any inducement, besides that of an old acquaintance, to appoint Dr. Sherfon's son as a Writer?—None.

RETURN from the East India House, respecting Cadets of the name of Brown, appointed in the seasons of 1804 and 1805; referring to p. 6 in the Report.

Mr. James Brown, the first, was appointed a Cadet to Bengal by Robert Thornton, Esq. on the 29th February 1804, on a nomination given to Lord Teignmouth and Captain James Ludovick Grant, which Captain Grant afterwards exchanged with William Adair Jackson, Esq. for a Madras.

Mr. Thomas Browne was appointed a Cadet for Bombay on the 15th February 1804, by William Devaynes, Esq. It does not appear by whom Mr. Browne was recommended to Mr. Devaynes.

Mr. Anthony Wogan Browne was appointed a Cadet to Bombay on the 30th January 1805, by George Smith, Esq. at the recommendation of Charles Groeme, Esq.

Mr. James Brown, the second, was appointed a Cadet to Bombay on the 2d April 1805, by Simon Frazer, Esq. It does not appear by whom this Mr. Brown was recommended to Mr. Frazer.

Mr. Patrick Brown was appointed a Cadet to Madras on the 18th December 1805, by Sir Francis Baring, Bart. at the recommendation of A. A.

Mr. George Browne was appointed a Cadet to Bengal on the 2d July 1806, by Robert Thornton, Esq. at the recommendation of William Devaynes, Esq.

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